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FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., October 22nd, 1895.

THE SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA met in its Eighty-second Annual Session, Tuesday, October 22nd, 1895, at 7:30 o'clock P. M., in the Presbyterian Church, Fayetteville, N. C., and was opened with a sermon by the retiring Moderator, Rev. W. B. Arrowood, from Luke, xi., 21—22: "When a strong man armed keepeth his palace, his goods," &c.

After the sermon the Synod united in the observance of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

The Synod was then constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

The Synod then adjourned to meet to-morrow at 9:30 A. M. and was closed with prayer by Rev. H. G. Hill, D. D.

SECOND DAY.

WEDNESDAY, October 23rd, 1895.

MORNING SESSION.

The Synod met pursuant to adjournment and was opened with prayer by the Moderator.

In the absence of the Stated Clerk Rev. W. R. McLelland was directed to act as Stated Clerk.

The following members were present during the sessions of Synod: *

Roll of Synod.

I.—Orange Presbytery.

MINISTERS.		RULING ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
E. W. Smith, D. D.3		R. F. Robertson.2	Greensboro, First.
L. B. Turnbull.		Geo. W. Watts.	Durham.
D. I. Craig.			
D. M. McIver.			
J. McL. Seabrook.			
		J. C. Wharton.2	Westminster.
		T. B. Donnell.	Buffalo.
C. W. Robinson.2			
W. R. Coppedge.			
W. S. Campbell.			
C. Miller.			
H. S. Bradshaw.			
M. McG. Shields.2			
R. E. Caldwell.		T. J. Brown.	Winston.
D. J. Currie.			
Wm. Lee Harrell.			
H. C. Kegley.			
P. C. Morton.			
S. G. Walker, (col'd.)			
	17	J. W. Paisley.	Bethel.
		G. W. Montcastle.2	Lexington.
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II.—Concord Presbytery.

MINISTERS.	RULING ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
J. Rumple, D. D.2	Edwin Shaver.2	Salisbury.
	J. H. Hill.	Statesville.
J. M. Rose, D. D.		
J. M. Wharey, D. D.		
C. A. Munroe.		
J. A. Ramsay.3		
W. R. McLelland.		
R. S. Arrowood.		

*The figure after a name indicates the day a member takes his seat.

Of the Presbytery of Orange the following ministers were absent: J. Henry Smith, D. D., C. N. Morrow, S. O. Hall, R. W. Culbertson, C. W. Maxwell, J. M. Greenlee.—6.

The following churches were not represented: Burlington, Stony Creek, Springwood, Reidsville, Speedwell, Hillsboro, Little River, Eno, Fairfield, Wentworth, Midway, Graham, Chapel Hill, New Hope, High Point, Milton, Grier's, Mebaneville, Bethlehem, Leaksville, Mt. Airy, Oak Forest, Yanceyville, Madison, Alamance, Calah, Ashboro, Jamestown, Bethesda, Cross Roads, Red House, Worthville.—32.

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II. Concord Presbytery, Continued.

MINISTERS.	RULING ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
J. B. Shearer, D. D.		
A. T. Graham.	W. J. Martin.	Davidson College.
H. D. Lequeux.		
	Frank Brown.	Mocksville.
	C. R. White.2	Concord, First.
R. W. Boyd.		
B. Soulier.		
J. C. Kennedy.	5	
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III.—Fayetteville Presbytery.

MINISTERS.	RULING ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
	D. B. McLean.	Antioch.
D. D. McBryde.	D. P. McKinnon.	Ashpole.
H. G. Hill, D. D.		
D. Fairley.	N. A. McKeithen.2	Bethesda.
A. N. Furgnson.	N. McFadyen.2	Bethel.
K. M. McIntyre.	T. D. Bulla.	Bethlehem.
J. S. Black.	A. McLean.	Big Rockfish.
P. R. Law.	W. J. Smith.2	Bluff.
W. B. Arrowood.	G. B. Cole.2	Buffalo.
K. A. McLeod.	L. P. Tyson.	Carthage.
M. N. McIver.	D. Watson 2	Centre.
W. F. Thom.		
A. J. McKelway.	J. W. McNeill.	Fayetteville.
J. A. McMurray.		
S. M. Rankin.	Geo. Willcox.	Euphronia.
A. M. Hassell.		
M. D. McNeill	W. D. McCormick.	Flat Branch.
G. L. Wolfe.	A. D. McGill.	Galatia.
O. A. White.	John McRea.	Gulf.
H. Craig.2		
19	John F. McNair.2	Laurel Hill.

Of the Presbytery of Concord the following ministers were absent: B. L. Beall, W. A. Wood, D. D., Wm. W. Pharr, D. D., L. McKinnon, D. D., E. E. Pressly, P. H. Dalton, W. H. White, John W. Davis, D. D., J. A. Harris, W. M. Shaw, M. A. Henderson, R. V. Lancaster, W. C. Alexander.—13.

The following churches were not represented: Centre, Prospect, Morganton, Mooresville, Lenoir, Hickory, Bethesda, Bethany, Tabor, Trontman, Third Creek, Fifth Creek, Elmwood, Concord (Ire), Clio, New Salem, Beulah, Poplar Tent, Shearer Chapel, Taylorsville, Newton, Shiloh, Sherrill's Ford, Marion, Old Fort, Siloam, Greenlee, Turkey Cove, Glen Alpine, Elk Park, Cove Creek, Thyatira, Back Creek, Bethphage, Gilwood, Unity, Franklin, Rocky River, Zion, South River, Norwood, Mizpah, Forest, Blowing Rock, Banner Elk.—45.

Roll of Synod.

III.—Fayetteville Presbytery, Continued.

MINISTERS.	RULING ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
	Peter McRea.2	Laurinburg.
	H. McEachern.	Lumber Bridge.
	J. C. McCaskill.2	Maxton.
	J. A. McArthur.	McPherson.
	A. D. Brown.	Philadelphus.
	John McLean.	Red Springs.
	A. C. Munroe.	Sandy Grove.
	J. M. Graham.2	Smyrna.
	W. N. McLean.2	St. Paul's.
	M. L. Morgan.	Ida Mills.
	A. L. McNeill.	Sanford.
	J. C. South.	Oaklama.
	I. T. Turlington.	Smithfield.
	John C. Currie.3	Shiloh.
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IV.—Wilmington Presbytery.

MINISTERS.	RULING ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
Colin Shaw.		
	W. J. Hall.	Oak Plains.
A. McFadyen.		
K. McDonald.	Jas. W. Whitted.	Beth Car.
P. H. Hoge, D. D	B. G. Worth.	Wilmington, First.
P. McIntyre.		
A. D. McClure.	C. F. Bell.	St. Andrews.
	W. J. Cromartie.	South River.
Joseph Evans.	A. D. Hicks.	Faisons.
7	J. Johnson.	New Hope.
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Of the Presbytery of Fayetteville the following ministers were absent: A. McMilton, A. McQueen, J. W. Johnston, A. Currie, W. M. Eldridge, D. W. Fox.—6.

The following churches were not represented: Barbacue, Ben Salem, Cameron, China Grove, Church of Covenant, Cuddee, Cypress, Dunn, Ellebee Springs, Haywood, Iona, Jackson Springs, Jonesboro, Keyser, Lebanon, Long Street, Lumberton, Mark's Creek, Macedonia, McWilliam Chapel, Midway, Montpelier, Mt. Carmel, Mt Pisgah, Mt. Tabor, Mt. Vernon Springs, Pee Dee, Phillippi, Pittsboro, Pocket, Rockingham, Salem, Sardis, Shannon, Sharon, Sherwood, St. Andrews, Summerville, Union, White Hill.—40.

Of the Presbytery of Wilmington the following ministers were absent: Jas. Kelly, Geo. W. McMillan, T. H. Newkirk, J. D. Stanford, J. M. Rawlings, D. D., Alex. McDonald, S. H. Isler, J. S. Wood, J. J. Hines —9.

The following churches were not represented: Mt. Zion, Mt. Williams, White Oak, Burgaw, Hopewell, Pike, Keith, Rockfish, Clinton, Mt. Olive, Bladenboro,

V.—Mecklenburg Presbytery.

MINISTERS.	RULING ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
A. A. Little.	A. H. McComb.	Steel Creek.
J. L. Williamson.2		
Roger Martin.2		
W. C. C. Foster.		
H. M. Dixon.		
J. A. Preston, D. D.3	E. Nye Hutchison.	Charlotte, First.
	Wm. Lee Davidson.	Lincolnton.
R. F. Campbell, D. D.	C. E. Graham.	Asheville.
W. P. McCorkle.		
J. W. Siler.		
E. L. Siler.		
Wm. Black.		
R. P. Smith.		
R. C. Morrison.3		
M. C. Arrowood.		
Jonas Barclay.		
J. L. Wicker.	Jas. T. Glenn.2	Union.
R. J. McIlwain.		
T. F. Boozer.3		
18	Jno. W. Moore.2	Huntersville.
	D. C. McDonald.	Waxhaw.
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Clarkton, Elizabethton, Hebron, Whiteville, Black River, Caswell, Beulah, Chinquepin, Mt. Horeb, Harmony, Grove, South River, White Hall, Duplin Road, Union, Jacksonville, White Plains, Topsail, Cobb's Mills, Warsaw, Croatan, Seminary, Morehead City, Richlands, Cronly, Grace, Stanford, Maple Hill, Pollocksville, Smith's, Verona, Wildwood.—42.

Of the Presbytery of Mecklenburg the following ministers were absent: Wm. Graves, R. Z. Johnston, J. J. Kennedy, D. T. Towles, R. A. Miller, E. A. Sample, J. R. McAlpine, S. C. Boyce, J. W. Moore, G. A. Sparrow, J. T. Wade, W. J. Williams, (col.,) L. A. Baldwin, J. S. Morrow, (col.,) J. M. Grier, Chalmers Moore, R. E. Lentz, J. J. Harrell, S. W. Newell, H. M. Parker, G. A. Hough, James Lapsley, W. G. White, J. B. Cochrane.—24.

The following churches were not represented: Sugar Creek, Providence, Hopewell, Little Brittain, Philadelphia, Goshen, Unity, Long Creek, Olney, Ramah, New Hope, Paw Creek, Mallard Creek, Sharon, Pleasant Hill, Marven, Davidson River, Hiwassee, Bethel (Haywood), Franklin, Morrison, Mills River, Bethlehem, Machpelah, Dallas, Shelby, Hendersonville, Rutherfordton, Sandy Plains, Castanea Grove, Swannanoa, Red Oak, Wadesboro, Hepzibah, Oak Forest, Monroe, Charlotte, 2nd, Waynesville, Pineville, Matthews, Bryson City, Amity, Gastonia, King's Mountain, Duncan's Creek, Shiloh, Williams' Memorial, Polkton, Robinson, Mulberry, Lowell, Graham Street, Bethel (Mecklenburg), Drusilla, Newell, Belmont, Dillsboro, Stevens, Waco, Ironton, Weaverton, Banks, Bethany, Brevard, Stanly Creek, Cook's Memorial, Beulah, South Side, Center, Barclay, Altan, Cherryville, Forest City, Lattimore, Midway, Columbus, Salem.—77.

Roll of Synod.	Organization.	Corresponding Members.

VI.—Albemarle Presbytery.

MINISTERS.	RULING ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
J. B. Morton.		
W. D. Morton, D. D.	R. E. Bullock.	Henderson.
F. H. Johnston, D. D.	A. J. Brown.	Goldsboro.
C. G. Vardell.		
J. E. Thacker.2		
Eugene Daniel, D. D.	Jas Dinwiddie.	Raleigh.
R. W. Hines.	3	
W. T. Walker.		
L. A. McLaurin.		
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Ministers present during the session of Synod, 83; Ruling Elders, 59; total, 142.

Rev. Eugene Daniel, D. D, of the Presbytery of Albemarle, was chosen Moderator, and Rev. P. R. Law, of Fayetteville Presbytery, and Rev. W. S. Campbell, of Orange Presbytery, were chosen temporary clerks.

The minutes of last evening's session were read and approved.

The hours of daily sessions were fixed from 9:30 A. M. to 12 M.; from 3 P. M. to 5:30 P. M.; and from 7:30 P. M. to adjourn at will.

Rev. Messrs. J. N. Craig, D. D., of the Synod of Memphis; J. K. Hazen, D. D., of the Synod of Alabama; J. M. Wicker, of the Synod of Pennsylvania; J. B. Morton, of the Synod of Florida; T. F. Boozer, of the Synod of South Carolina, were invited to sit as corresponding members and were introduced to the Synod.

Rev. J. W. Hughes, of the Protestant Episcopal Church, was invited to sit as a visiting brother and was introduced to the Synod.

Of the Presbytery of Albemarle the following ministers were absent: C. M. Payne, D. D., C. N. Wharton, F. D. Thomas.—3.

The following churches were not represented: Cann Memorial, Geneva, Grassy Creek, Greenville, Kenly, LaGrange, Littleton, Louisburg, Nahala, New Berne, Oak Hill, Oakland, Oxford, Rocky Mount, Shiloh, Tarboro, Warrenton, Washington, Wilson, Nut Bush, Aurora, Olivet, Parmlee.—23.

A communication from the Directors of Union Theological Seminary concerning its removal was read and the consideration of the paper was made the First Order of the Day this afternoon.

It was made the First Order of the Day to-morrow (Thursday) morning to hear the report on Church and Christian Education.

The Synod was addressed by Rev. J. N. Craig, D. D., and Rev. J. K. Hazen, D. D., in the interest of the causes of Publication and Colportage and Assembly's Home Missions.

A collection was taken at the close of Dr. Craig's address for Home Mission work in Florida, which amounted to $45.70.

The thanks of the Synod were returned to Dr. Craig for his address and the recommendations of the same were referred to the Home Mission Committee.

The thanks of the Synod were also tendered to Dr. Hazen for his address.

The Moderator announced the following

STANDING COMMITTEES:

1. *Bills and Overtures.*—Rev. W. B. Arrowood, J. M. Rose, D. D., D. D. McBryde, J. W. Siler, and Ruling Elders Geo. W. Watts, B. G. Worth and A. J. Brown.

2. *Judicial Committee.*—Rev. W. D. Morton, D. D., R. F. Campbell, D. D., J. M. Wharey, D. D., W. T. Walker, and Ruling Elders H. McEachern, W. K. Cromartie and Wm. Lee Davidson.

3. *Address to the Churches.*—Rev. C. A. Munroe, L. B. Turnbull, and Ruling Elder L. P. Tyson.

4. *Systematic Beneficence.*—Rev. D. I. Craig, A. D. McClure, and Ruling Elder C. E. Graham.

Standing Committees.

5. *Minutes of General Assembly.*—Rev. J. M. Rose, D. D., P. H. Hoge, D. D., and John A. McMurray.

6. *Union Theological Seminary.*—Rev. R. E. Caldwell, A. T. Graham, J. S. Black, and Ruling Elder D. P. McKinnon.

7. *Treasurer's Book.*—Rev. H. G. Hill, D. D., and Ruling Elders James Dinwiddie and J. H. Hill.

8. *Report of Trustees of Synod.*—Messrs. T. J. Brown, A. D. Brown and A. D. Hicks.

9. *Devotional Exercises.*—Rev. A. J. McKelway, D. Fairley, and Ruling Elder J. W. McNeill.

10. *Statistical Reports.*—Rev. W. F. Thom, D. M. McIver, and Ruling Elder Jackson Johnson.

11. *Synodical Records.*—Rev. G. L. Wolfe, R. S. Arrowood, and Ruling Elder J. M. Whitted.

12. *Leave of Absence.*—Rev. F. H. Johnston, D. D., W. Lee Harrell, and Ruling Elder D. B. McLean.

PRESBYTERIAL RECORDS.

Orange.—Rev. A. M. Hassell and Ruling Elder I. T. Turlington.

Concord.—Rev. W. R. Coppedge and Ruling Elder Thos. B. Donnell.

Fayetteville.—Rev. K. McDonald and Ruling Elder B. G. Worth.

Wilmington.—Rev. S. M. Rankin and Ruling Elder Geo. Wilson.

Mecklenburg.—Rev. Colin Shaw and Ruling Elder A. D. McGill.

Albemarle.—Rev. H. M. Dixon and Ruling Elder A. L. McLean.

The minutes of the last annual meeting having been printed were approved without reading.

Overtures.

The following Overtures were presented, read and referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures:

1. From Albemarle Presbytery in regard to Peace Institute:

WHEREAS, the Presbytery of Albemarle feels the deepest interest in Peace Institute as a seminary of learning, increasingly useful and prosperous; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable that the benefits of the school be extended to Presbyterians, generally, therefore

Resolved, That the Presbytery of Albemarle does hereby Overture the Synod of North Carolina to appoint a committee of three to inquire and report what steps, if any, may be taken to bring the school into closer connection with the Synod, and make surely permanent its distinctive historical character as a Presbyterian Institution.

2. From the Presbytery of Mecklenburg in reference to printing the minutes:

Mecklenburg Presbytery would respectfully Overture the Synod of North Carolina, that to secure the greater usefulness of her printed minutes, they hereafter be published not later than 40 days after the adjournment of the Synod.

3. From Orange Presbytery in regard to parochial schools:

"WHEREAS, the Synod of North Carolina is taking a commendable and growing zeal in the higher Christian Education of our sons and daughters in the establishment and fostering of colleges and high schools, and

WHEREAS, through oversight or neglect, our people are leaving the primary and formative education of their children to the State or relegating them to ignorance.

Orange Presbytery does hereby overture the Synod of North Carolina to appoint a representative Committee, which shall, at the next regular meeting of Synod, bring in a report upon the best method of advocating, establishing and fostering parochial schools throughout the bounds of the Synod."

The report of the Directors of Union Theological Seminary was read and referred to the Committee on Union Theological Seminary.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises, Rev. A. J. McKelway, chairman, made a partial report, which was received and adopted.

The Synod took recess until 3 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Synod met and resumed its business.

A notice of appeal by D. L. Summers from Orange Presbytery was read and referred to the Judicial Committee.

The Order of the Day was then taken up, viz.: the consideration of the paper touching the removal of Union Theological Seminary.

It is as follows:

At a called meeting of the Trustees of Union Theological Seminary in Virginia held in the city of Danville, Va., on Friday, the 18th day of October, 1895, the following action was taken.

The Board of Directors and Trustees of Union Theological Seminary in Virginia would respectfully report to the Synods of Virginia and North Carolina that a proposition to remove the Seminary to Richmond has been accepted by them subject to the approval of the Synods; that this proposition includes the gift of 11 3-10 acres, eligibly situated on Brooke turnpike and adjacent to the city, and a further subscription of $125,000 as a building fund; and they overture the Synods to authorize them to remove the Seminary to the proposed site as soon as they can effect the change.

J. P. FITZGERALD, Secretary.

[A copy from the minutes.]

To the Rev. J. A. Ramsay,
Stated Clerk of the Synod of North Carolina.

The following action was taken:

Resolved, The Synod of Virginia concurring, that the decision of the Board of Trustees with reference to the removal of Union Theological Seminary be approved and their Overture be answered in the affirmative.

It was made the Second Order of the Day to-morrow (Thursday) morning to hear an address by the editor of the *North Carolina Presbyterian*, Mr. John McLaurin.

It was made the Third Order of the Day to-morrow (Thursday) morning to hear the report of the Regents of the Orphans' Home.

Synod took recess until 7:30 P. M.

EVENING SESSION.

The Synod convened and proceeded with its business.

The Order of the Day was taken up, viz.: Report on Foreign Missions. After devotional exercises the report was read by Rev. A. T. Graham, chairman of the Committee. Pending further action, addresses were made by Rev. Messrs. A. D. McClure, L. B. Turnbull and W. D. Morton, D. D.

A collection was taken which amounted to $50.

The report was then approved and the recommendation adopted.

It is as follows:

That this report be adopted with the prayer that God may give this Synod a willing heart and a liberal spirit with which to obey more fully His commandment to "go into all the world and preach the Gospel unto every creature."

The Synod then adjourned to meet to-morrow at 9:30 A. M.

Closed with prayer by Rev. J. B. Shearer, D. D.

THIRD DAY.

THURSDAY, October 24th, 1895.

MORNING SESSION.

The Synod convened according to adjournment and was opened with prayer by Rev. H. G. Hill, D. D.

The minutes of the second day's session were read and approved.

Rev. R. A. Willis, of the M. E. Church, South, was invited to sit as a visiting brother and was introduced to the Synod.

The Judicial Committee, Rev. W. D. Morton, D. D., chairman, presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Judicial Committee having examined the appeal of D. L. Summers from the decision of Orange Presbytery in the case of J. H. Rankin vs. D. L. Summers, tried at Bethel church November 8th, 1894, report that they find the appeal in order and recommend that Synod appoint a commission to hear the said appeal and that the following order be pursued:

1. To read the record of the cause.

2. To hear the parties: (*a*) the appellant; (*b*) the appellee; (*c*) the appellant in closing.

3. To call the roll for the expression of opinion.

4. To take the vote.

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly, Rev. J. M. Rose, D. D., chairman, presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your Committee respectfully reports that nothing appears in the Minutes of the General Assembly which demands any action on the part of the Synod other than such matters as have been or will be brought to its attention through its agents and Executive Committee.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures, Rev. W. B. Arrowood, chairman, presented the following answers to Overtures, which were adopted:

1. To the Overture from Orange Presbytery, touching parochial schools: "That the Overture be granted, and the Synod's Committee on Church and Christian Education be appointed to perform the duties contemplated in the Overture."

2. To the Overture from Albemarle Presbytery in reference to Peace Institute: "That the Overture be granted, and Rev. Eugene Daniel, D. D., P. H. Hoge, D. D., and Ruling Elder Geo. W. Watts be appointed a Committee to perform the duties contemplated in the Overture."

3. To the Overture from Mecklenburg Presbytery in reference to printing the Minutes: "That the Stated Clerk be instructed to publish the Minutes of Synod as soon as practicable after the adjournment."

It was made the Order of the day to-morrow (Friday) at 10 o'clock A. M. to hear the report of the Committee on Colored Evangelization.

Rev. Messrs. J. M. Rose, D. D., R. F. Campbell, D. D., and W. B. Arrowood were appointed a Committee to re-

commend an order for services in memory of those brethren deceased since the last meeting of the Synod.

It was made the Order of the Day at 4 o'clock P. M. today to hear the report of the Agent of Ministerial Education.

The Committee on Church and Christian Education, Rev. J. B. Shearer, D. D., chairman, presented their annual report, which was received, approved and the recommendations adopted. They are as follows:

1. That Synod continue the same apportionment as last year, viz.: Albemarle, $100; Concord, $300; Fayetteville, $300; Mecklenburg, $350; Orange, $250; Wilmington, $200; total, $1,500.

2. We further recommend the Synod to emphasize the propriety and importance of establishing and fostering parochial schools in every church where the conditions are favorable, as well as in all mission fields, general or local

The following were appointed a commission to try the case appealed from Orange Presbytery: Rev. Messrs. J. M. Rose, D. D., J. M. Wharey, D. D., A. McFadyen, J. S. Black, A. T. Graham, D. D. McBryde, W. C. C. Foster, W. F. Thom and Ruling Elders James Dinwiddie, Wm. Lee Davidson, J. W. Moore, I. T. Turlington, H. McEachern, Frank Brown, C. R. White and R. A. Bullock.

The hearing of the report of the Regents of the Orphans' Home was exchanged for hearing the address of the editor of *The North Carolina Presbyterian.*

Rev. J. Rumple, D. D., President, then read the report, which was received and referred to a committee consisting of Rev. E. W. Smith, D. D., F. H. Johnston, D. D. and Mr. P. McRea.

Rev. J. B. Shearer, D. D., Regent of South Atlantic University, reported progress. The report was received and Rev. R. F. Campbell, D. D., was appointed to fill the vacancy on the Board.

The Synod took recess till 3 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Synod met and resumed business.

The Committee on Systematic Beneficence, Rev. D. I. Craig, chairman, presented a report, which was recommitted.

The report was subsequently presented and adopted, and is as follows:

Your Committee would report the following contributions for the year ending March 31, 1895:

118	churches to	Presbyterial Home Missions	$11,102
176	" "	Synodical " "	3,087
151	" "	Assembly's " "	1,472
255	" "	Foreign Missions	18,673
162	" "	Publication and Colportage	902
207	" "	Education for Ministry	4,273
77	" "	Church and Christian Education	317
172	" "	Invalid Fund	1,260
174	" "	Colored Evangelization	1,157
84	" "	Bible Cause	444
66	" "	Orphans' Home	1,440
77	" "	Miscellaneous	11,844
		Total	$55,971

Which is $3,923 less than the total of last year.

The above figures are not accurate, owing to the fact that Concord Presbytery in its report has combined Presbyterial and Synodical Home Missions, and also Education for the Ministry and Church and Christian Education.

Orange, Fayetteville and Albemarle report contributions to all causes of the Church.

Forty-eight churches make no report to the Presbyteries. Of these three are in Fayetteville, twelve in Concord, eight in Mecklenburg, nine in Albemarle, eight in Orange and eight in Wilmington.

In the total contributions for the past year the Presbytery of Wilmington has gained $359, Orange, $1,916 and Albemarle, $274. The Presbytery of Mecklenburg has decreased $6,105, Concord, $2,385 and Fayetteville, $402.

We would recommend that the Presbyteries be careful to instruct their Stated Clerks to send down to the churches uniform blanks in order to avoid confusion and secure accuracy in the amounts contributed for all causes.

The Order of the Day was then taken up and Mr. John McLaurin addressed the Synod in the interest of *The North Carolina Presbyterian.*

Education. Memorial Minutes.

The following committee was appointed to make a response to the address and to suggest plans to increase the circulation of *The North Carolina Presbyterian:* Rev. L. B. Turnbull, H. G. Hill, D. D., and Ruling Elder E. Nye Hutchison.

The Treasurer's report was read and referred to the Committee on the Report and Book of the Treasurer.

The Agent of Education for the Ministry, Rev. J. M. Rose, D. D., presented his report, which was received, approved and the recommendations adopted. They are as follows:

1. The Synod expresses its sincere gratitude to God that so many of our young men are seeking the office of the Gospel ministry.

2. The Synod advises the adoption by the Presbyteries of the "Manual" prepared by the Assembly, not only that greater care may be exercised in the reception and oversight of our candidates, but that there may be uniformity of action in that matter on the part of the Presbyteries comprising this Synod.

3. The Synod calls special attention to the change in the day of prayer for our youth in schools, colleges and seminaries, and urges all our churches to observe the *first* Sunday of November as recommended by the Assembly.

4. The Synod affectionately exhorts all her pastors and people to be careful to remember the Master's injunction, "Pray ye the Lord of the harvest that He may send forth laborers into His harvest.

The Special Committee appointed to arrange for the Memorial service reports that during the past year the following brethren have departed this life: The Rev. Rob't Burwell, D. D. and the Rev. T. U. Faucette, of the Presbytery of Albemarle; the Rev. J. P. McPherson, of the Presbytery of Fayetteville; and the Rev. A. L. Crawford, of the Presbytery of Concord, and makes the following recommendations:

Your Committee recommends the appointment of the following to prepare Memorial minutes:

Rev. Dr. Eugene Daniel to prepare memorial of Rev. Rob't Burwell; Rev.

F. H. Johnston, D. D., to prepare memorial of Rev. T. U. Faucette; Rev. D. D. McBryde to prepare memorial of Rev. J. P. McPherson; Rev. J. M. Wharey, D. D., to prepare memorial of Rev. A. L. Crawford.

Your Committee recommends that the Memorial Service be held on Friday morning at 11 o'clock and that it be made a Standing Rule of the Synod hereafter to hold this service on Friday at 11 o'clock.

JOHN M. ROSE,
W. B. ARROWOOD,
R. F. CAMPBELL,
Committee.

The following Committee on Nominations was appointed: Rev. F. H. Johnston, D. D., J. M. Wharey, D. D., W. B. Arrowood and Ruling Elders N. McKeithan and W. J. Martin.

The Agent of Publication and Colportage, Rev. A. D. McClure, presented his report, which was received, approved and the recommendation adopted. It is as follows:

That Synod urge all Presbyteries, through Agents or Committees, to see that more money is collected for this cause, at least $1,500, for the coming year. And that the publications of our Executive Committee, and especially those of the Sabbath Schools, be given the preference due them as our own, as best and cheapest.

The Committee on the Bible Cause, Rev. R. E. Caldwell, chairman, presented a report, which was received, approved and the recommendations adopted. They are as follows:

1. That the Synod re-affirm its interest in this important work.

2. That our ministers be urged to make this cause more prominent and take up the annual collection in all our churches as far as practicable.

3. That hereafter the Synod's work for this cause be entrusted to a committee consisting of all the Presbyterial Agents with a chairman to be elected at this meeting.

Rev. J. A. Ramsay was re-elected Stated Clerk and Treasurer of Synod.

The Historical Committee, Rev. J. A. Ramsay, chairman, reported that there was nothing calling for any action on the part of the Synod. The report was received and approved.

It was ordered that 600 copies of the Minutes of the Eighty-second Session of the Synod be printed.

It was made the Second Order of the Day to-night to hear the report of the Commission in the case appealed from Orange Presbytery.

Synod took recess until 7:30 P. M.

EVENING SESSION.

After recess the Synod convened and resumed its business.

The Order of the Day was then taken up, viz.: popular meeting in the interest of Synodical Home Missions. The report of the Committee was presented by Rev. Wm. Black, superintendent. Addresses on the subject were made by Evangelists Rev. C. W. Robinson, Jonas Barclay, R. W. Hines and M. C. Arrowood; also by Rev. B. Soulier, pastor of the Waldensian Church and Rev. R. F. Campbell, D. D.

Pledges, to carry on the work, to the amount of $658, and cash, to the amount of $53.58, were secured.

The report was then approved and its recommendations adopted. They are as follows:

1. Synod, recognizing its obligation to cultivate the waste places within its bounds that cannot be undertaken by the Presbyteries, reaffirms its purpose to prosecute vigorously the work already begun and to open new fields as rapidly as men and means allow.

2. To that end the Synod undertakes to raise, through the June and September collections, the sum of $5,000, and apportions this sum among the Pres-

byteries as follows: Mecklenburg, $950; Fayetteville, $950; Wilmington, $750; Orange, $950; Concord, $900; Albemarle, $500.

3. In view of the fact that there is a deficit of $800, and that there is an immediate need of money, not only to pay the debt, but to carry on the work until next June, Synod urges its pastors and churches to co operate with the Superintendent in raising special contributions, and now calls for immediate pledges for this work.

4. Synod expresses its gratification at the zeal of all the Presbyteries in prosecuting their own work and especially commends the action of Orange and Mecklenburg Presbyteries in taking up work in their bounds that had been opened by Synod.

5. Synod commends the work of the General Assembly to its Presbyteries and churches, and recommends that $3,000 be raised for this work, to be apportioned among its Presbyteries as follows: Orange, $500; Wilmington, $400; Concord, $500; Mecklenburg, $700; Fayetteville, $700; Albemarle, $200,

6. Synod commends to the Sunday Schools the recommendation of the Assembly to give the collections of the fifth Sundays to the support of the Indian schools.

On motion, by order of Synod, the Committee was constituted as follows:

Rev. Wm. Black, Superintendent and *ex-officio* Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer: Rev. M. McG. Shields and J. M. Rogers, Orange Presbytery; Rev. C. A. Munroe and J. G. Hall, Concord Presbytery; Rev. H. G. Hill, D. D., and Dr. J. W. McNeill, Fayetteville Presbytery; Rev. P. H. Hoge, D. D., and B. F. Hall, Wilmington Presbytery; Rev. R. P. Smith and C. E. Graham, Mecklenburg Presbytery; Rev. W. D. Morton, D. D., and J. R. Young, Albemarle Presbytery.

The new committee met and elected the following ExecutiveCommittee to act with the Superintendent: Revs. P. H. Hoge, D. D., H. G. Hill, D. D., R. P. Smith and Dr. J. W. McNeill.

The Commission on the appealed case against Orange Presbytery, Rev. J. M. Rose, D. D., chairman, presented the

following report, which was approved, and its finding was adopted as the judgment of the Synod:

On October 24, 1895, Synod's Commission to hear the appeal of D. L. Summers, a member of Bethel church, of the Presbytery of Orange, from the decision of Orange Presbytery to the Synod of North Carolina, met in the annex of the Presbyterian church in Fayetteville and was called to order and constituted by prayer by the chairman, Rev. John M. Rose, D. D.

The Committee was solemnly charged as per requirement of Rules of Discipline.

All the members of the committee were present, viz: Rev. John M. Rose, D. D., Rev. J. M. Wharey, D. D., and Rev. Messrs. A. McFayden, J. S. Black, D. D. McBryde, W. F. Thom, A. T. Graham, W. C. C. Foster and Ruling Elders W. L. Davidson, John Moore, I. T. Turlington, H. McEachern, Frank Brown, C. R. White, R. A. Bullock and James Dinwiddie. The Rev. J. S. Black was elected clerk.

It appears that the appeal in this case was indicted by Orange Presbytery (which assumed jurisdiction in response to a reference by the session of Bethel church) for slander. He was found guilty, and the sentence of public admonition was inflicted. Appeal was taken to the Synod on the ground that the testimony did not warrant the judgment of the Presbytery, and on the further ground of manifest prejudice.

1. The record of the case was read.

2. The appellant was heard through the Rev. W. R. Coppedge.

3. The appellee was heard through the Rev. W. S. Campbell, by appointment of Orange Presbytery.

4. The appellant was heard in conclusion.

Then the roll was called and members of the commission expressed their opinions. Then the vote was taken and resulted as follows:

Thirteen to confirm the judgment of the Presbytery and two to confirm in part.

The Committee adjourned with prayer by Rev. A. McFadyen.

Attest:

J. S. BLACK. JOHN M. ROSE, Chairman.

The committee to examine the records of Concord Presbytery, Rev. W. R. Coppedge, chairman, reported, recom-

mending that they be approved with exception. The report was adopted and the exception ordered to be noted on the Presbytery's Records.

The Synod adjourned to meet at 9:30 a. m. to-morrow. Closed with prayer by Rev. L. B. Turnbull.

FOURTH DAY.

FRIDAY, October 25th, 1895.

MORNING SESSION.

The Synod met pursuant to adjournment and was opened with prayer by Rev. J. B. Morton.

The minutes of the third day's session were read and approved.

The Committee on Union Theological Seminary, Rev. R. E. Caldwell, chairman, presented the following report, which was received and adopted

The Committee on Union Theological Seminary would submit the following report and recommendations:

1. That the Synod records its profound gratitude for the manifest blessing of God upon this venerable institution during the past year.

2. That the action of the Board of Directors in the election of the Rev. G. B. Strickler, D. D., L. L. D., to the chair of Systematic Theology be most heartily endorsed and commended.

3. That the retention of Dr. Vaughn as instructor for the present year be cordially approved.

4. That Rev. L. B. Turnbull, Rev. D. D. McBryde and Prof. W. J. Martin be re-elected members of the Board of Directors to serve another term.

5. That this beloved institution be particularly commended to the prayers of all our churches and people at this its time of crisis incident to the agitation and discussion over its removal.

The Committee to examine the Records of Synod, Rev. G. L. Wolfe, chairman, presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your Committee recommend that the Records be approved as being kept in a manner worthy of the highest commendation.

The Committee to examine the records of Fayetteville Presbytery, Rev. K. McDonald, chairman, reported that the records were correctly written and neatly kept, and recommended their approval. The report was received and adopted.

The Committee to examine the records of Albemarle Presbytery, Rev. H. M. Dixon, chairman, reported, recommending their approval. The report was received and adopted.

The Committee to examine the records of Orange Presbytery, Rev. A. M. Hassell, chairman, reported recommending their approval. The report was received and adopted.

The Committee on the Report of the Trustees of Synod, Mr. T. J. Brown, chairman, reported that no papers had been placed in their hands. The report was received and approved and the committee discharged.

The Committee on Statistical Reports, Rev. D. M. McIver, chairman, presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

1. Four ministers have died during the last year: Rev. A. L. Crawford September 29th, 1895; Rev. J. P. McPherson, December 26th, 1894; Rev. Thos. C. Faucette, February 5th, 1895; Rev. Rob't Burwell, D. D., March 5th, 1895.

2. Whole number of ministers in the Synod, 144; churches, 339; Licentiates, 8; candidates, 69; communicants, 30,292; contributions for all causes, $215.206; communicants added, 2,904.

3. Number of ministers: In Albemarle, 12; Concord, 27; Fayetteville, 25; Mecklenburg, 41; Orange, 24; Wilmington, 15; total, 144.

4. Number of churches: In Albemarle, 30; Concord, 52; Fayetteville, 77; Mecklenburg, 84; Orange, 53; Wilmington, 43; total, 339.

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5. Licentiates: Concord, 2; Fayetteville, 1; Mecklenburg, 4; Orange, 1; total, 8.

6. Candidates: Concord, 14; Fayetteville, 8; Mecklenburg, 21; Orange, 19; Wilmington, 7; total, 69.

7. Communicants: Albemarle, 1824; Concord, 5016; Fayetteville, 7382; Mecklenburg, 8279; Orange, 4681; Wilmington, 3110; total, 30,292.

8. Contributions for all causes: Albemarle, $19,389; Concord, $26,569; Fayetteville, $21,900; Mecklenburg, $80,249; Orange, $37,900; Wilmington, $29,119; total, $215,206.

9. Communicants added: Albemarle, 192; Concord, 277; Fayetteville, 650; Mecklenburg, 863; Orange, 560; Wilmington, 262; total, 2,904.

10. Ministers received: Concord, 2; Fayetteville, 2; Mecklenburg, 3; Orange, 2; total, 9.

Ministers dismissed: Albemarle, 2; Concord, 2; Mecklenburg, 2; Orange, 2; Wilmington, 1; total 9.

11. Churches organized: Fayetteville, 3; Mecklenburg, 2; Wilmington, 2; total, 7.

Churches dissolved: Orange, 1.

Churches transferred: Wilmington, 1.

Churches received: Concord, 1.

12. Candidates received: Albemarle, 1; Concord, 3; Mecklenburg, 1; Wilmington, 1; Orange, 5; total, 11.

Candidates dismissed: Concord, 1; Mecklenburg, 1; total, 2.

Licentiates received: Albemarle, 1; Fayetteville, 1; Orange, 2; total, 4.

13. Ordinations: Albemarle, 1; Fayetteville, 2; Mecklenburg, 1; Orange, 3; Wilmington, 1; total, 8.

Installations: Albemarle, 1; Concord, 2; Fayetteville, 6; Mecklenburg, 12; Orange, 7; total, 28.

Dissolutions: Albemarle, 1; Concord, 3; Fayetteville, 1; Mecklenburg, 7; Orange, 3; Wilmington, 1; total, 16.

14. Licensures: Concord, 1; Mecklenburg, 4; Orange, 1; total, 6.

15. Missionaries: Concord, 1; Fayetteville, 1; Mecklenburg, 1; Wilmington 3; total, 6.

16. Pastors: Albemarle, 8; Concord, 16; Fayetteville, 12; Mecklenburg, 28; Orange, 16, Wilmington, 6; total, 86.

17. Stated Supplies: Concord, 3; Fayetteville, 10; Mecklenburg, 4; Wilmington, 2; Orange, 4; total, 23.

18. Evangelists: Albemarle, 4; Fayetteville, 2; Mecklenburg, 2; Orange, 3; Wilmington, 4; total, 15.

19. Vacant churches: Concord, 12; Fayetteville, 10; Mecklenburg, 7; Orange, 3; total, 32.

20. Average salaries paid pastors: Albemarle, $841; Concord, $676; Fayetteville, $589; Mecklenburg, $782.50; Orange, $748; Wilmington, $762.

21. Manses: Albemarle, 11, valued at $23,400; Concord, 17, valued at $25,000; Fayetteville, 4, valued at $4,300; Mecklenburg, 26, valued at $35,000; Orange, 18, valued at ———; Wilmington, 2, valued at $10,000.

22. Number of counties with no church: Albemarle, 13; Concord, 2; Mecklenburg, 3; Orange, 2; total, 20.

23. Time and place of next meeting:

Albemarle—Kinston, ——— 1896.

Concord—Centre, March 31st, 1896.

Fayetteville—Ashpole, April 24th, 1896.

Mecklenburg—Huntersville, March 31st, 1896.

Orange—Winston, April 14th, 1896.

Wilmington—Wilmington, First, April, 7th, 1896.

24. We note gains since last report: Ministers, last year, 138; this year, 144; gain, 6. Licentiates, last year, 6; this year, 8; gain, 2. Members, last year, 30,095; this year, 30,292; gain, 197. Ordinations, last year, 6; this year, 8; gain, 2. Contributions, last year, $192,542; this year, $215,206; gain, $22,664. Candidates, last year, 70; this year, 69; loss, 1. Licensures, last year, 9; this year, 6; loss, 3.

The following resolution touching the Presbyterian High School at Mebane, N. C., was presented and adopted:

The Synod has noted with pleasure the change in the administration of the Presbyterian High School at Mebane so as to embrace a representative of each Presbytery in the Synod upon its Board of Directors. It hereby expresses its confidence in its administration, also in its admirable Principal and his competent assistants. And, realizing the importance of distinctly Christian and Church schools, it cordially commends this school to the confidence and the patronage of the parents and guardians of our churches.

Place of Next Meeting. Colored Evangelization. Industrial School.

New Berne was selected as the place for the next meeting of the Synod, and Rev. C. G. Vardell, J. M. Rose, D. D., and Prof. James Dinwiddie were appointed a committee to nominate the time.

The following resolution was presented and adopted:

That Synod endeavor to conduct an evangelistic campaign in Albemarle Presbytery for one week preceding the next meeting of Synod in New Berne, each member giving a week's time to this effort; and that a special committee be appointed to inaugurate this movement.

The Moderator appointed as this committee Rev. Messrs Jonas Barclay, C. G. Vardell and Wm. Black.

The Committee on Colored Evangelization, Rev. W. D. Morton, D. D., chairman, presented their annual report, which was received and the recommendations adopted. They are as follows:

1. That each Presbytery be requested, at a stated meeting, to appoint a special hour for the consideration of this cause.

2. Let each pastor and congregation appoint a special season for the prayerful consideration of the spiritual necessities of our colored population and the evangelization of the African race at home and abroad.

A collection amounting to $20.38 was taken for Colored Evangelization.

The Board of Directors of the Colored Academic and Industrial Institute, Rev. W. D. Morton, D. D., president, presented a report, which was received, approved and the recommendations adopted. They are as follows:

1. That the Synod express its approval of the fidelity and diligence of Rev. S. G. Walker, superintendent of this institution.

2. That we commend to favorable consideration the work he represents and express the hope that the Christian people of the Synod may give him all reasonable aid and encouragement in soliciting funds and material for the Industrial School and the service of its pupils.

3. The Synod directs a special collection during the month of December to be taken up in all her churches when practicable, without setting aside a con-

tribution to the regular cause of Colored Evangelization, in the interest of North Wilkesboro Academical and Industrial Institute.

4. That, inasmuch as the term of service of the Third Class of Directors expires at this time, the same brethren be re elected, substituting Ruling Elder J. Finley for Prof. H. L. Smith; and in the Second Class the name of Rev. W. D. Morton, D. D., be substituted for that of Mr. W. H. Sprunt.

Rev. L. E. Fairley, of the Synod of South Atlantic, and Rev. James Thomas, of the Synod of New York, were invited to sit as corresponding members, and were introduced to the Synod.

The hour to conduct the memorial service was changed from 11 A. M. to 4 P. M. to-day.

The Committee to examine the Treasurer's Book and Report, Rev. H. G. Hill, D. D., chairman, presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your Committee report they have examined the Treasurer's account and find it correct and that the disbursements are sustained by proper vouchers.

They recommend that his account be approved to date.

They also urge the delinquent Presbyteries to pay their assessments as soon as possible so that the bills due by Synod may be promptly met.

The Treasurer's report is as follows:

Rev. J. Alston Ramsey, Treasurer, in account with the Synod of North Carolina, for the year ending October 7th, 1895:

RECEIPTS:

Balance from last year					$ 31.22
Received of	Albemarle	Presbytery,	assessment,	1893-'94	25.00
"	Concord	"	one half assessment,	1893-'94	30.00
"	Orange	"	" "	1893-'94	27.50
"	Wilmington	"	" "	1894-'95	20.00
"	"	"	" "	1894-'95	20.00
"	Mecklenburg	"	" "	1894-'95	35.00
"	Concord	"	" "	1894-'95	30.00
					$218.72

Treasurer's Report. Time of Next Meeting.

DISBURSEMENTS:

Balance paid Stated Clerk for 1893-'94	$ 58.10
Hickory Printing Company	1.35
J. A. Brady, printing minutes	74.27
" "	20.00
" "	35.00
Stated Clerk on account for 1894-'95	30.00
	$218.72

BILLS DUE:

Balance due J. A. Brady, printing minutes, 1894	$ 7.52
Hickory Printing Company, docket, 1895	3.00
Balance due Stated Clerk, 1895	76.90
	$87.42

DUE FROM PRESBYTERIES:

Orange Presbytery, assessment, 1894-'95	$ 55.00
Concord " one half assessment, 1894-'95	30.00
Fayetteville " assessment, 1893-'94	60.00
" " " 1894-'95	60.00
Mecklenburg " one half " 1894-'95	35.00
Albemarle " " 1894-'95	25.00
	$265.00

Respectfully submitted,

J. ALSTON RAMSAY,

Treasurer.

Tuesday November 10th, 1896, at 7:30 P. M., was fixed as the time for the next meeting of Synod.

Synod took recess until 3 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

After recess the Synod met and resumed its business. The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That whereas nearly 3000 additions were reported to the membership in our Synod last year, and whereas the minutes of the General Assembly only show an increase of 197, the attention of the Stated Clerks of Presbyteries and, through them, the attention of Church Sessions be called to this discrepancy, with the request that more accurate statistics be procured.

The Committee to examine the records of Wilmington Presbytery, Rev. S. M. Rankin, chairman, reported recommending their approval. The report was received and adopted.

The Committee to prepare an Address to the Churches on the State of Religion, Rev. C. A. Munroe, chairman, presented the following, which was received and adopted, and ordered to be read in all our churches:

To the Churches of the Synod of North Carolina Greeting—The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all:

First of all, we observe, with profound gratitude to God a tone of encouragement pervading—as a whole—the reports of Presbyteries touching the state of religion generally in our bounds. In every Presbytery that makes particular mention of the matter, the faithfulness of pastors and sessions is reported as modestly commendatory.

There appears to have been no decline in any of our churches in attendance upon the stated means of grace, save in the second services on Sunday night in some of our larger pastorates. In the great majority the Sabbath congregations are steadily increasing. We note with special interest and commendation the increasing number of prayermeetings, conducted in our churches by the ruling elders in the absence of the pastor. We are grieved, however, to learn that in a number of our larger churches so few of the male members attend the weekly prayermeetings. Brethren, these things ought not so to be. The Divine injunction is that we forsake not the assembling of ourselves together and that men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting. While there has been no widely extended revival of religion or outpouring of the Holy

Ghost in any of our Presbyteries, yet a goodly number of our churches have had special manifestations of the power of the Spirit in reviving saints and converting sinners. In one of our smaller Presbyteries there have been additions more or less to every church. For all this evidence of special blessing we are devoutly thankful to Almighty God.

Sabbath Schools: In some of our churches a want of diligence in Sunday school work is deplored, but many report with joy, increased zeal and interest in this important branch of the Church work.

Sabbath Observance: As to the matter of Sabbath Observance among the members, the general report is good except in the matter of social visiting and pleasure rides.

Worldliness and Intemperance: Worldliness, to some extent, is complained of by many of our churches. But intemperance and worldliness are prevailing in some communities where the gospel has been preached for the last forty or fifty years. "Holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling," in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, we entreat you to "give all diligence to add to your faith virtue, and to virtue knowledge, and to knowledge temperance," and "be ye not conformed to this world," whose "friendship is enmity with God."

Worshiping God with our Substance: In the matter of worshiping God with our substance the reports are various. Some of our churches have increased and others decreased the amounts usually contributed.

In view of the manifest return of temporal prosperity to all sections of our country and of the special blessedness of those who give and the pressing needs of those who receive, "take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief" in not honoring the Lord in proportion as He prospers you.

Family Worship: The doleful cry of many of our churches still comes up: Sadly neglected. But we rejoice to note that there is an increasing number of heads of families in some of our churches who are not ashamed to pray with and for their households. Our heart's desire and prayer to God is that this number may soon become a great multitude.

Finally, brethren, "be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord—forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."

Rev. Wm. Black was re-elected Superintendent of the Synodical Home Missions and the Ruling Elders on the Committee were also re-elected to serve another year.

Statistical Report. Report of Committee on Orphans' Home.

The Stated Clerk presented the following Statistical Report to the General Assembly, which was adopted and ordered to be forwarded to the General Assembly:

The Synod of North Carolina respectfully reports to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, that it consists of 6 Presbyteries, and that these consist, in whole, of 144 ministers and 339 churches, having under their care 8 licentiates and 69 candidates, viz.:

PRESBYTERIES.	MINISTERS.	CHURCHES.	LICENTIATES	CANDIDATES.
Orange	24	53	1	19
Concord	27	52	2	14
Fayetteville	25	77	1	8
Wilmington	15	43		7
Mecklenburg	41	84	4	21
Albemarle	12	30		
Total	144	339	8	69

The Synod further reports that its next stated meeting will be held in the Presbyterian church, New Berne, N. C., on Tuesday, November 10th, 1896, at 7:30 P. M.

By order of Synod.

J. ALSTON RAMSAY,
Stated Clerk.

Fayetteville, N. C., October 25th, 1895.

The Committee to whom was referred the Report of the Regents of the Orphans' Home, Rev. E. W. Smith, D. D., chairman, presented the following report, which was adopted:

1. That this Synod gratefully recognize the continued favor of God toward this Institution during the past year.

2. That the management of the Orphans' Home by the Superintendent and the Regents, as indicated in the report, be approved as wise and faithful.

3. That the need of the Home for larger accommodations for pupils, and other improvements, and in particular the plan of a Central Building and estimated cost be brought to the attention of all our churches; and that every proper effort be made to raise the necessary funds for its erection and completion within the next twelve months.

1 That the Fourth Class of Regents, viz: Rev. W. R. McLelland and M. W. Hill, M. D., be re-elected to serve five years; and that in the Second Class, Rev. C. G. Vardell, of Albemarle Presbytery, be elected to fill the vacancy caused by the removal of Rev. J. H. Boyd, D. D.

The Committee on Nominations, Rev. F. H. Johnston, D. D., chairman, presented the following report, which was adopted:

Rev. A. T. Graham, Chairman Committee of Foreign Missions;

Rev. J. B. Shearer, D. D., Chairman Committee of Church and Christian Education;

Rev. W. D. Morton, D. D., Chairman Committee of Colored Evangelization;

Rev. Rob't. E. Caldwell, Chairman Committee of Bible Cause;

Rev. A. D. McClure, Chairman Committee of Publication and Colportage;

Rev. L. B. Turnbull, Agent of Education for the Ministry;

Rev. C. G. Vardell, Chairman Committee of Sabbath Schools;

Trustees of Synod: Col. John E. Brown, Charlotte; Col. J. B. Rankin, Charlotte; Mr. J. S. Burroughs, Charlotte; Mr. R. M. Oates, Charlotte; Hon. A. C. Avery, Morganton; Mr. D. F. Cannon, Concord; Mr. E. B. Stimson, Statesville.

The Committee to examine the records of Mecklenburg Presbytery, Rev. Colin Shaw, chairman, reported recommending their approval. The report was received and adopted.

The following minutes touching the death of ministers deceased since the last meeting of the Synod were presented by their respective committees:

REV. A. L. CRAWFORD.

On the 22nd of September, 1895, Rev. A. L. Crawford preached to his people in the town of Taylorsville, Alexander county, N. C., with his usual vigor. The sermon at night was from the text, "But the very hairs of your head are all numbered;" in which discourse the precious doctrine of a special Providence was un-

folded. The closing sentence, summing up the result of the discussion, was an eloquent expression of the sentiment that, whatever fate befell the child of God, if even death itself suddenly cut him down, it was well.

On the 29th of September, the following Sabbath, without a moment's warning, Brother Crawford, in the presence of his astounded family, fell upon his hearthstone—dead.

Synod records these facts with a deep sense of its loss, with heart-felt sympathy for his afflicted family and with a profound sense of the solemn lesson this Providence enforces upon us all, "Be ye also ready, for the Son of Man cometh at an hour when ye think not."

REV. T. U. FAUCETTE.

Rev. Thomas U. Faucette departed this life in Oxford, N. C., on the 5th day of February last, after a few days of painless illness.

He was born in Alamance county in December, 1821, was a student of Hampden Sydney College and graduate of Union Theological Seminary; was licensed by Orange Presbytery in 1850, and ordained as Evangelist in 1852. He supplied several churches in Orange, Granville and Caswell counties and was pastor of Red House church for part of his time for nearly 17 years. He was also engaged in teaching to some extent, and in his home, under his own supervision and that of his wife, a female school of high grade was maintained in both Milton and Oxford, for many years

Bro. Faucette was a warm and earnest preacher of the Gospel and successful in winning souls to Christ. His piety was of the cheerful type and lent its charm to all association with him, whether under his own roof or elsewhere. He leaves a wife and several children to mourn the loss of a devoted husband and father.

Synod earnestly commends the bereaved family to the tender mercy of our God, and places upon record this memorial tribute to our departed brother.

Memorial.

REV. J. P. McPHERSON.

Rev. James P. McPherson was born in Iredell county, March 26th, 1808, and died at his home in Moore county, December 26th, 1894, at the advanced age of 86 years and nine months. He was licensed by Concord Presbytery, October, 1836. After preaching a few years in South Carolina and probably in other places, he came to Fayetteville Presbytery where he had charge of a number of churches and spent the greater part of his life in the service of the Master. With many in these churches where he preached the Gospel, with saving power, his memory is still fragrant. Bro. McPherson was an able and earnest preacher of the Word. He preached from manuscript, but with great fluency and power.

In the early part of his ministry, especially, his preaching was often attended with seasons of refreshing from the presence of the Lord and numbers were added to the Church as the result of his labors. He loved to preach and to administer the consolation of the Gospel to those under the burden of sorrow and of sin.

In his social relations he was genial and affable, in his attachments sincere and steadfast. He was remarkably punctual in all his engagements as Pastor and Presbyter, and was abundant in labors, until the increasing infirmities of age required him to lay aside his armor and cease from his labors.

He was Stated Clerk of Fayetteville Presbytery for more than 33 years, and after so long a period of faithful and efficient service, he was made Stated Clerk "Emeritus" on a salary of $50.00 per annum.

Bro. McPherson was twice married, first to Miss Margaret Glenn, of Prince Edward Court House, Va., by which marriage he had several children, most of whom still live. His last wife was Miss Mary J. Sheppard, of Moore county, who survives him, and who in her ministrations of sympathy and love to the venerable servant of God, beautifully illustrated the blessing of this God-given institution. She was a help-meet indeed.

The mortal remains of this dear Brother rest in the grave-yard of Salem church, Harnett county, N. C., where he had in the last years of his life preached the precious Gospel of a risen Saviour and of the resurrection and life eternal.

Memorial.

REV. ROBERT BURWELL, D. D.

The subject of this sketch, the Rev. Robert Burwell, D. D., was born in Dinwiddie county, Virginia, June 12th, 1802, being the oldest of six sons of Col. Armistead Burwell. He was educated at Hampden Sydney College from which institution he was graduated in the year 1823. In 1824 he entered Union Theological Seminary, Virginia, as a member of its first class. Dr. Jesse S. Armistead and Thos. P. Hunt being the other two members. Being licensed to preach the Gospel by Hanover Presbytery at Lynchburg, Va., October 23rd, 1826, and ordained at Peak's church, November 27th, 1830, he was, for a few years, employed in missionary work in Bedford county, Virginia, and in the counties adjoining; he also had charge, for a short time, of Wood's church, near Petersburg. In 1836 he was called to be pastor of the church at Hillsboro, N. C., and continued to serve the church in this relation until 1848; and even afterward he was stated supply at Hillsboro for several years. Here, also aided by his wife, he established a school for girls and young ladies and successfully administered it until he removed to Charlotte in 1857, to take charge of the Female Institute at that place. Here he lived and labored for fifteen years, not only in the school, but also as pastor of Paw Creek church, by whose members his memory is warmly and affectionatley cherished to this day. Whilst at Charlotte, Dr. Burwell associated with himself in the management of the school, his son, John B. Burwell, with whom, in 1872, he removed to Raleigh, N. C., and organized Peace Institute. He retired from active teaching about the year 1875, but continued to live in the Institution long afterward, his presence a perpetual blessing. In the later years of his life, he was pastor of the church at Oakland, Johnston county, succeeding the late Dr. Drury Lacy in that charge.

In December, 1831, Dr. Burwell was married to Miss Margaret Anna Robertson, of Petersburg, Va. There were born to these, twelve children—five daughters and seven sons. All of the daughters and two of the sons have been called away from earth, and five sons remain with us here below.

Dr. Burwell attained to a good old age, being in his 94th year at the time of his death, which occurred at the residence of his beloved daughter, Mrs. Nannie B. Crow, in Raleigh, N. C., March 5th, 1895. Until within a few weeks of his departure, his bodily strength and vigor were marvellously firm, and until a few

hours of his being called away, his mental faculties were without a cloud. In the very last months of his life, he walked to the house of God, and was seen, morning and evening, devoutly worshipping in the sanctuary. Great as his usefulness had been when "in full activity of zeal and power," to many this tree "planted by the rivers of water" seemed covered all over with its best and ripest fruit as its boughs hung downward from old age to us who dwelt below, and so near that even little children might pluck and enjoy. Sound in the faith; conservative in his adherence to the old and true landmarks; to the very end of his life studious of God's word in the original Hebrew and Greek; pre-eminently a man of prayer, of personal consecration, and of a religion that shone the brightest in his own home, he walked through the world with God, not noisily nor with excitement, but most peacefully and with great honor, for nearly a century—and then simply "was not: God took him."

After the reading of these memorials they were adopted by a rising vote, and the Synod was led in prayer by Rev. A. D. McClure.

The Stated Clerk was directed to transmit to the families of the deceased brethren copies of the memorials adopted, and to make the customary memorial record in the book of minutes.

The following paper touching *The North Carolina Presbyterian* was adopted as a substitute for the Special Committee's report:

In view of the importance of *The North Carolina Presbyterian* to all the interests of the Synod, and to the religious life of our people, Synod appoints a committee of one minister from each Presbytery to promote the interests of *The Presbyterian* by increasing its circulation and securing news and contributions for its columns; and to recommend to the next Synod measures by which the paper can be brought into closer relations to the Synod.

Report on Leave of Absence.

The following committee was appointed:

ALBEMARLE PRESBYTERY—Rev. Eugene Daniel, D. D.;
CONCORD " —Rev. J. M. Rose, D. D.;
FAYETTEVILLE " —Rev. W. B. Arrowood;
MECKLENBURG " —Rev. J. A. Preston, D. D.;
ORANGE " —Rev. L. B. Turnbull;
WILMINGTON " —Rev. P. H. Hoge, D. D.;

Synod took a recess until 7:30 P. M.

EVENING SESSION.

The Committee on Leave of Absence, Rev. F. H. Johnston, D. D., chairman, presented the following report, which was received and approved:

The Committee respectfully report that

1. The following named ministers were excused for absence from the last meeting of Synod, viz:

FAYETTEVILLE PRESBYTERY—D. Fairley, J. S. Black, K. A McLeod;
ORANGE "
CONCORD " —R. S. Arrowood and M. A. Henderson;
WILMINGTON " —A. McFadyen;
MECKLENBURG " —M. C. Arrowood, J. W. Siler, H. M. Dixon;
ALBEMARLE " —F. H. Johnston.

In several of these cases written excuses had been forwarded to the Synod at the time of meeting, but do not appear to have been passed upon.

2. The following ministers have been excused for absence from the *present* meeting, viz:

MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY—J. J. Harrell, R. Z. Johnston, J. J. Kennedy, J. S. Morrow, S. W. Newell, C. Moore;
ALBEMARLE PRESBYTERY—C. W. Payne;
CONCORD " —M. A. Henderson, P. H. Dalton, Wm. W. Pharr, B. L. Beall;
ORANGE " —S. O. Hall.

3. The following members of Synod were granted leave of absence at this meeting, viz:

After Thursday Morning Session—H. D. McCormick, H. McEachern, G. W. Watts, F. Brown, Revs. W. L. Harrell, J. Rumple, D. D., M. N. McIver, W. F. Thom, W. P. McCorkle.

After Thursday—J. W. Paisley, J. A. Smith, L. P. Tyson, C. E. Graham, M. L. Morgan, Revs. A. T. Graham, N. M. McNeill, J. B. Shearer, D. D.

After Friday Morning Session—A. D. Hicks, A. J. Brown, A. D. Brown, Prof. Martin, T. J. Brown, W. I. Hall, W. K. Cromartie, Prof. Dinwiddie, A. L. McLean, John McLean, D. P. McKinnon, N. McFadyen, D. Watson, P. McRae, J. C. McCaskill, N. A. McKeithen, G. B. Cole, R. A. Bullock, W. J. Smith, R. F. Robertson, Col. Davidson, I. T. Turlington, J. Johnson, J. T. Glenn, A. H. McComb and J. F. McNair, Revs. P. McIntire, R. F. Campbell, H. D. Lequeux, R. E. Caldwell, D. I. Craig, A. A. Little, W. R. Coppedge, D. J. Currie, R. S. Arrowood, J. Barclay, K. McIntyre, L. B. Turnbull, J. A. Preston, J. S. Black, J. L. Williamson, C. W. Robinson, H. S. Bradshaw, T. F. Boozer, W. C. Foster, J. A. McMurray, R. W. Boyd, C. Miller, R. P. Smith, W. R. McLelland, Colin Shaw, J. M. Rose, H. M. Dixon, R. C. Morrison, E. L. Siler, W. D. Morton, J. B. Morton, F. H. Johnston.

The Order of the Day was then taken up, viz.; Report of the Committee on Sabbath Schools. In the absence of the chairman, Rev. W. F. Thom, the report was read by Rev. C. G. Vardell. After addresses by Prof. James Dinwiddie and Rev. Eugene Daniel, D. D., the report was approved and its recommendation adopted. It is as follows:

That the Synod of North Carolina endorse the proposed policy of the appointment of a General Assembly's Secretary of Sunday Schools.

The following resolution was presented and adopted:

Resolved, That the Synod appoint at each meeting a Corresponding Clerk whose business it shall be to forward to the daily papers accurate accounts of the proceedings of this body.

2. That the Stated Clerk be required to ascertain from the principal papers of the State and from our religious papers the amount of matter they will publish and any other information necessary to the carrying out of this plan.

Vote of Thanks. Adjournment.

The following vote of thanks was adopted by a rising vote:

Synod desires to return its heartfelt thanks to the good people of Fayetteville, whose abounding hospitality has caused them to open their homes and hearts to us, and who have made our stay among them so delightful. As we go to our homes we shall carry with us only sweet memories of the friends we have met while here; and we pray that the "Giver of every good and perfect gift" may bestow the richest blessings of His grace upon them all.

We would also return thanks to the railroads for courtesies received, and to the representatives of the press for publishing reports of the proceedings of the Synod.

The pastor of this church is requested to have this paper read from the pulpit on next Sunday, and the Fayetteville Observer is requested to publish it in its next issue.

The roll was called before final adjournment. The minutes of the Fourth Day's Session were read and approved.

The Synod then adjourned to meet in the Presbyterian church, Newbern, N. C., on Tuesday, November 10th, 1896, at 7:30 o'clock, P. M.

Closed with singing, prayer and the Apostolic Benediction.

EUGENE DANIEL,
Moderator.

REV. P. R. LAW,
REV. W. S. CAMPBELL,
Temporary Clerks.

A true copy from the records.

ATTEST: J. ALSTON RAMSAY,
Stated Clerk.

APPENDIX.

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A.

STATISTICAL REPORTS OF THE PRESBYTERIES.

I.—ORANGE PRESBYTERY.

To the Synod of North Carolina:

The Presbytery of Orange reports:

1.—24 ministers; 53 churches: 1 licentiate; 19 candidates; 4,681 communicants; thirty-seven thousand, nine hundred and seventy-nine dollars ($37,979.-00,) aggregate of all funds raised during the year ending March 31, 1895, being $7,105.00 more than was raised the year before.

2.—560 members were added to the churches during the year—on examination, 363; on certificate, 197.

3.—2 ministers were received, viz.: Rev. W. L. Harrell, April 24, 1895, Cherokee Presbytery; Rev. C. R. Morton, September 3rd., 1895, Roanoke Presbytery.

4.—2 ministers were transferred, viz.: Rev. R. E. C. Lawson, November 16, 1894, to Norfolk Presbytery; Rev. W. C. Alexander, Nov. 28, 1894, to Concord Presbytery.

5.—No churches received or organized.

6.—One church dissolved, viz.: Winston, 2nd, Sept. 4, 1895.

7.—2 licentiates received, viz.: H. S. Bradshaw, Sept. 28, 1894; H. C. Kegley, October 24, 1894.

8.—No licentiates transferred.

9.—5 candidates received, viz.: J. T. Smith, Oct. 25, 1894; N. B. Campbell, April 24, 1895; S. H. Williamson, April 24, 1895; S. C. Smith, April 25, 1895; Albert Long, (col'd), April 26, 1895.

10.—No candidates transferred.

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11.—No ministers died.

12.—3 ordinations, viz.: D. J. Currie, Sept. 29, 1894; H. S. Bradshaw, Sept. 29, 1894; H. C. Kegley, Nov. 16, 1894.

13.—7 installations, viz.: Rev. D. J. Currie, at Chapel Hill, Sept. 30, 1894; at New Hope, Sept. 30, 1894; Rev. H. S. Bradshaw, at Hillsboro, Sept. 30, 1894; at Fairfield, Sept. 30, 1894 and at Little River, Dec. 9, 1894; Rev. H. C. Kegley, at Mebane, Nov. 16, 1894, and at Bethlehem, Nov. 18, 1894; Rev. M. McG. Shields, at Burlington, March 31, 1895; Rev. R. W. Culbertson, at Bethany, May 12, 1895; Rev. C. W. Robinson, at Wilkesboro and North Wilkesboro, May 19, 1895; Rev. W. L. Harrell, at High Point, May 26, 1895.

14.—3 dissolutions of pastoral relations, viz.: Rev. R. E. C. Lawson, at Alamance, Sept. 28, 1894; Rev. W. C. Alexander, at Mt. Airy, Sept. 28, 1894; Rev. W. R. Coppedge, at Graham, Oct. 23, 1895.

15.—1 licensure, viz.: Ned B. Campbell, April 25, 1895.

16.—20 ministers in charge of 38 churches; 16 pastors; 4 stated supplies; 3 evangelists; 1 licentiate.

17.—10 churches vacant, 7 of which supplied temporarily.

18.—$748, average salary paid ministers in charge of churches.

19.—18 manses, aggregate value, $ ————.

20.—No minister or church in 2 counties, viz.: Ashe and Alleghany.

21.—The next stated meeting of Presbytery at Winston, N. C., on the 14th day of April, 1896.

By order of Presbytery:

ATTEST:

D. I. CRAIG,
Stated Clerk.

At Cross Roads Church, on 5th day of September, 1895.

II.—CONCORD PRESBYTERY.

To the Synod of North Carolina:

The Presbytery of Concord reports:

1.—27 ministers; 52 churches; 2 licentiates; 14 candidates; 5,016 communicants; and twenty six thousand, five hundred and sixty-nine dollars ($26,569), aggregate of all funds raised during the year ending March 31, 1895, being $4,594 less than was raised the year before.

Statistical Report—Concord Presbytery.

2.—377 members were added to the churches during the year—on examination 264; on certificate 113.

3.—2 ministers were received, viz.: Rev. W. C. Alexander, Oct. 24, 1894, from Orange Presbytery and Rev. B. Soulier, from the Waldensian church, July 9th, 1895.

4.—2 ministers were transferred, viz.: Rev. D. Munroe to Knoxville Presbytery April 2d, 1895, and Rev. R. P. Pell to South Carolina Presbytery Feb. 5th, 1895.

5.—1 church received, viz.: "Waldensian church of Valdese," July 9th, 1895.

6.—No churches transferred or dissolved.

7.—No licentiates received.

8.—No licentiates transferred.

9.—3 candidates received, viz.: Mr. J. E. Summers, April 25th, 1895; Mr. Jno. G. Varner, May 21st, 1895, and Wm. T. Johnson, Sept. 25th, 1895.

10.—1 candidate transferred, viz.: Wm. J. Garrison, to Mecklenburg, Sept. 24th, 1895.

11.—No ministers died.

12.—No ordinations.

13.—2 installations, viz.: Rev. J. A. Ramsay, 2nd Sabbath of June, at Newton, N. C. Rev. W. C. Alexander, Concord First church, Nov. 18th, 1894.

14.—2 Dissolutions of pastoral relations, viz.: Rev. H. D. Lequeux and Poplar Tent church, Feb. 5th, 1895. Rev. M. A. Henderson and Unity, Franklin and South River, May 21st, 1895.

15.—1 licensure, viz.: Walter L. Lingle was licensed May 21st, 1895.

16.—19 ministers in charge of 39 churches; 16 pastors; 3 stated supplies; no evangelists; 2 licentiates; 1 foreign missionary.

17.—13 churches vacant.

18.—$676 average salary paid ministers in charge of churches.

19.—17 manses, aggregate value, $25,000.

20.—No minister or church in 2 counties, viz.: Yadkin and Yancey.

21.—The next stated meeting of Presbytery, at Centre, on 31st day of March, 1896, at 11 A. M.

By order of Presbytery:

ATTEST:

W. R. McLELLAND,
Stated Clerk.

At Fifth Creek Church, on 25th day of September, 1895.

III.—FAYETTEVILLE PRESBYTERY.

To the Synod of North Carolina:

The Presbytery of Fayetteville reports:

1.—25 ministers; 77 churches; 1 licentiate; 8 candidates; 7,382 communicants; and twenty-one thousand, nine hundred dollars ($21,900.00), aggregate of all funds raised during the year ending March 31, 1895, being $4,306 less than was raised the year before.

2.—650 members were added to the churches during the year.

3.—2 ministers were received, viz.: G. L. Wolfe, April 24, 1895; H. Craig, July 30, 1895.

4.—No ministers were transferred.

5.—3 churches organized, viz.: Aberdeen, organized Nov. 28, 1894; Cameronian, organized May 29th, 1895; Roberdell, organized May 23d, 1895.

6.—No churches transferred or dissolved.

7.—1 licentiate received, viz.: O. A. White, July 30th, 1895.

8.—No licentiates transferred.

9.—No candidates received.

10.—No candidates transferred.

11.—1 minister died, viz.: J. P. McPherson, December 26th, 1894.

12.—2 ordinations, viz.: L. L. Little, December 5th, 1894; O. A. White, August 9th, 1895.

13.—6 installations, viz.: Rev. L. L. Little, at Pee Dee, December 5th, 1894; at Wadeville, December 6th, 1894; at Ellerbee Springs, January 24th, 1895; Rev. M. D. McNeill, at White Hill, September 10th, 1895; Rev. O. A. White, at Galatia, August 9th, 1895.

14.—1 dissolution of pastoral relations, viz.: Rev. L. L. Little and Pee Dee, Wadeville and Ellerbee Springs churches, July 30th, 1895.

15.—No licensures.

16.—21 ministers in charge of 65 churches: 12 pastors; 10 stated supplies; 2 evangelists; 1 licentiate.

17.—10 churches vacant.

18.—$589, average salary paid ministers in charge of churches.

19.—4 manses, aggregate value, $4,300.

20.—No county without minister or church.

21.—The next stated meeting of Presbytery at Ashpole church on 24th day of April, 1896.

By order of Presbytery:

ATTEST:

P. R. LAW,
Stated Clerk.

At Smithfield Church, on 19th day of September, 1895.

IV.—WILMINGTON PRESBYTERY.

To the Synod of North Carolina:

The Presbytery of Wilmington reports:

1.—15 ministers; 43 churches; 7 candidates; 3,110 communicants; and twenty-nine thousand, one hundred and nineteen dollars and eighty-nine cents ($29,119.89), aggregate of all funds raised during the year ending March 31st, 1895, being $5,370.40 more than was raised the year before.

2.—262 members were added to the churches during the year—on examination, 203; on certificate, 59.

3.—1 minister transferred, viz.: M. P. Jerkins, (col'd), October 4th, 1895.

4.—2 churches organized, viz.: New Hope, October 19th, 1894; Smiths, June 17th, 1895.

5.—1 church transferred, viz.: Grace, October 4th, 1895.

6.—1 candidate received, viz.: W. B. Stevens, April 12th, 1895.

7.—1 ordination, viz.: J. S. Wood, June 13th, 1895.

8.—1 dissolution of pastoral relations, viz.: Rev. A. McFadyen and Mt. Horeb church, December 18th, 1894.

9.—12 ministers in charge of 43 churches; 6 pastors; 2 stated supplies; 4 evangelists; 3 without charges.

10.—$762.83, average salary paid ministers in charge of churches.

11.—2 manses, aggregate value, $10,000.

12.—The next stated meeting of Presbytery, First church, Wilmington, April 7th, 1896, at 8 P. M.

By order of Presbytery:

ATTEST:

A. McFADYEN,
Stated Clerk.

At Warsaw Church, on 4th day of October, 1895.

V.—MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY.

To the Synod of North Carolina:

The Presbytery of Mecklenburg reports:

1.—41 ministers; 84 churches: 4 licentiates; 21 candidates; 8,279 communicants; and eighty thousand, two hundred and forty-nine dollars ($80,249.00), aggregate of all funds raised during the year ending March 31, 1895, being $17,826 more than was raised the year before. Increase in the congregational column.

2.—863 members were added to the churches during the year—on examination, 483; on certificate, 380.

3.—3 ministers were received, viz.: W. G. White, from Bethel Presbytery, February 15, 1895; J. B. Cochrane, from Ebenezer Presbytery, May 15, 1895; Arch. A. Little, Roanoke Presbytery, May 15, 1895.

4.—2 ministers were transferred, viz.: Frank D. Hunt, to Presbytery of St. John's, December 7th, 1894; Jno. H. Boyd, D. D., to Presbytery of Chicago, (U. S. A.,) August 16th, 1895.

5.—2 churches organized, viz.: Columbus, in Polk county, N. C., December 1st, 1894; Salem, in Union county, N. C., September 7th 1895.

6.—No church transferred or dissolved.

7.—No licentiates received.

8.—No licentiates transferred.

9.—1 candidate received, viz.: J. B. Lawing, April 10th, 1895.

10.—1 candidate transferred, viz.: W. H. A. Williams, (col'd,) to care of Albemarle Presbytery, October 2nd, 1895.

11.—No minister died.

12.—1 ordination, viz.: R. J. McIlwain, June 27th, 1895.

13.—12 installations, viz: J. R. McAlpine, at Pleasant Hill church, November 1st, 1894; at Pineville church, November 2nd, 1894; E. A. Sample, at Mills River, March 31st, 1895; at Hendersonville, April 1st, 1895; J. L. Wicker, at Davidson River, ————————; W. G. White, at Graham street church, March 6th, 1895; H. M. Parker, at South Side, ————————; E. L. Siler, at Morven, May 12th, 1895; at Wadesboro, May 12th, 1895; A. A. Little, at Steel Creek, June 1st, 1895; R. J. McIlwain, at Shiloh, June 27th, 1895; at Long Creek, July 27th, 1895.

14.—7 dissolutions of pastoral relations, viz.: T. A. Wharton and Steel Creek, August 16th, 1894; C. Moore and Hopewell, November 12th, 1894; Frank D. Hunt and Graham street, December 7th, 1894; Geo. A. Hough and

Little Brittain, April 11th, 1895; Jno. H. Boyd, D. D., and Second church, Charlotte, August 16, 1895; H. M. Parker and Swannanoa; H. M. Dixon and Waxhaw.

15.—4 licensures, viz.: J. R. Wilson, Charlotte, N. C., May 16th, 1895; W. M. Hunter, Charlotte, N. C., May 16th, 1895; E. D. Brown, Charlotte, N. C., May 16th, 1895; W. L. Walker, Charlotte, N. C., May 16th, 1895.

16.—32 ministers in charge of 77 churches; 28 pastors; 4 stated supplies; 2 evangelists; 4 licentiates; 1 foreign missionary.

17.—7 churches vacant.

18.—$782.50, average salary paid ministers in charge of churches.

19.—26 manses, aggregate value, $35,000.

20.—No minister or church in 3 counties, viz.: Madison, Graham and Cherokee.

21.—The next stated meeting of Presbytery at Huntersville, N. C., on 31st day of March, 1896.

By order of Presbytery:

ATTEST:

EUGENE L. SILER,

Stated Clerk.

At Rutherfordton Church, on 4th day of October, 1895.

VI.—ALBEMARLE PRESBYTERY.

To the Synod of North Carolina:

The Presbytery of Albemarle reports:

1.— — ministers; 30 churches; no licentiate; no candidate; 1,824 communicants; and nineteen thousand, three hundred and eighty-nine dollars ($19,389.00), aggregate of all funds raised during the year ending March 31, 1895, being $1,012 more than was raised the year before.

2.—192 members added to the churches during the year—on examination, 94; on certificate, 98.

3.—1 minister received, viz.: C. M. Payne, D. D., from Presbytery of Concord, October 25th, 1894.

4.—2 ministers transferred, viz.: J. N. H. Summerell, to Presbytery of South Carolina, February 14th, 1895; J. E. L. Winecoff, to Presbytery of Bethel, September 4th, 1895.

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5.—2 churches organized, viz.: Roanoke church, January 27th, 1895; Parmele church, February 10th, 1895.

6.—No church transferred or dissolved.

7.—1 licentiate received, viz.: L. A. McLaurin, from Presbytery of Pee Dee, September 4th, 1895.

8.—No licentiate transferred.

9.—1 candidate received, viz.: Ernest Wood, of New Berne church, September 4th, 1895.

10.—No candidate transferred.

11.—2 ministers died, viz.: Rev. Thomas U. Faucette, February 5th, 1895; Rev. Robert Burwell, D. D., March 5th, 1895.

12.—1 ordination, viz.: L. A. McLaurin, September 6th, 1895.

13.—1 installation, viz.: C. M. Payne, D. D., at Washington church, November 22, 1894.

14.—1 dissolution of pastoral relations, viz.: J. N. H. Summerell and Tarboro church, February 14th, 1895.

15.—No licensures.

16.—12 ministers in charge of 30 churches; 8 pastors; no stated supplies; 4 evangelists; no licentiates.

17.—No churches vacant.

18.—$841, average salary paid ministers in charge of churches.

19.—11 manses, aggregate value, $23,400. Rental value, $1,800.

20.—No minister or church in 13 counties, viz.: Currituck, Camden, Chowan, Dare, Hyde, Greene, Tyrrell, Bertie, Northampton, Gates, Hertford, Pamlico, Perquimans.

21.—The next stated meeting of Presbytery at Kinston on —— day of—— ————, 1896.

By order of Presbytery:

ATTEST:

F. H. JOHNSTON,
Stated Clerk.

At Greenville Church, on 6th day of September, 1895.

B.

REPORT OF PRESBYTERIES ON SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.

I.—ORANGE PRESBYTERY.

To the Synod of North Carolina:

The Presbytery of Orange respectfully submits the following report on Systematic Beneficence for the year ending March 31, 1895:

1.—40	churches	contributed to	Presbyterial Home Missions,	$1,495.00
2.—36	"	"	Synodical " "	1,040.00
3.—29	"	"	Assembly's " "	304.00
4.—41	"	"	Foreign Missions,	3,502.00
5.—29	"	"	Publication and Colportage,	151.00
6.—32	"	"	Education for Ministry,	517.00
7.—20	"	"	Church and Christian Education,	255.00
8.—35	"	"	Invalid Fund,	432.00
9.—29	"	"	Colored Evangelization,	339.00
10.—13	"	"	Bible Cause,	81.00
11.—24	"	"	Synodical Orphans' Home,	573.00
12.—	"	"	Miscellaneous,	2,192.00
			Total,	$10,881.00

Being $1,916 more than was raised the year before. 44 churches reported, and 6 of them contributed to all the objects conducted by the Church, and 44 to one or more of them.

8 churches made no report, viz.: Cnlah, Worthville, Elkin, Eno, Springwood, Wentworth, Yanceyville and Winston, 2nd.

By order of Presbytery:

ATTEST:

D. I. CRAIG,

Stated Clerk.

At Cross Roads Church, on 5th day of September, 1895.

II. CONCORD PRESBYTERY.

To the Synod of North Carolina:

The Presbytery of Concord respectfully submits the following report on Systematic Beneficence, for the year ending March 31, 1895:

1.—39	churches	contributed to	{Presbyterial Home Missions / Synodical " " }	$2,489
2.—26	"	"	" Assembly's " "	206
3.—37	"	"	" Foreign Missions	2,774
4.—23	"	"	" Publication and Colportage	126
5.—34	"	"	" {Education for Ministry, / Church and Christian Education}	1,480
6.—31	"	"	" Invalid Fund	126
7.—30	"	"	" Colored Evangelization	114
8.—13	"	"	" Bible Cause	65
9.—25	"	"	" Miscellaneous	712
			Total	$8,092

Being about $2,385 less than was raised the year before. 39 churches reported and 8 of them contributed to all the objects conducted by the Church, and 31 to one or more of them. 12 churches made no report.

By order of Presbytery:

ATTEST:

W. R. McLELLAND,
Stated Clerk.

At Fifth Creek Church, on 25th day of Sept., 1895.

III.—FAYETTEVILLE PRESBYTERY.

To the Synod of North Carolina:

The Presbytery of Fayetteville respectfully submits the following report on Systematic Beneficence for the year ending March 31st, 1895:

1.—59	churches	contributed to	Presbyterial Home Missions,	$ 728.00
2.—60	"	"	Synodical " "	781.00
3.—45	"	"	Assembly's " "	252.00
4.—67	"	"	Foreign Missions,	3,431.00
5.—41	"	"	Publication and Colportage,	198.00
6.—50	"	"	Education for Ministry,	350.00
7.—20	"	"	Church and Christian Education,	53.00
8.—53	"	"	Invalid Fund,	195.00
9.—41	"	"	Colored Evangelization,	128.00
10.—20	"	"	Bible Cause,	84.00
11.—32	"	"	Synodical Orphans' Home,	563.00
12.—	"	"	Miscellaneous,	1,617.00
			Total,	$8,380.00

Being $402 less than was raised the year before. 72 churches reported, and 6 of them contributed to all the objects conducted by the Church, and 66 to one or more of them.

3 churches made no report, viz.: Aberdeen, Macedonia and Mt. Carmel.

By order of Presbytery:

ATTEST:

P. R. LAW,
Stated Clerk.

At Smithfield Church, on 20th day of September, 1895.

IV.—WILMINGTON PRESBYTERY.

To the Synod of North Carolina:

The Presbytery of Wilmington respectfully submits the following report on Systematic Beneficence for the year ending March 31, 1895:

1.—32	churches	contributed to	Presbyterial Home Missions,	$1,872.12
2.—23	"	"	Synodical " "	647.33
3.—25	"	"	Assembly's " "	240.92
4.—26	"	"	Foreign Missions,	2,124.49
5.—26	"	"	Publication and Colportage,	105.25
6.—26	"	"	Education for Ministry,	293.68
7.—22	"	"	Invalid Fund,	176.64
8.—21	"	"	Colored Evangelization,	122.53
9.— 9	"	"	Bible Cause,	64.93
10.— 7	"	"	Miscellaneous,	2,402.00
			Total,	$8,049.89

Being $359 40 more than was raised the year before. 35 churches reported and 10 of them contributed to all the objects conducted by the Church, and 25 to one or more of them.

8 churches made no report, viz.: Crouly, Beulah, Stanford, White Hall, Harmony, Grace, White Plains and Top Sail.

By order of Presbytery:

ATTEST:

A. McFADYEN,
Stated Clerk.

At Warsaw Church, on 4th day of October, 1895.

Report on Systematic Beneficence—Mecklenburg Presbytery.

V.—MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY.

To the Synod of North Carolina:

The Presbytery of Mecklenburg respectfully submits the following report on Systematic Beneficence for the year ending March 31, 1895:

1.—59	churches	contributed to	Presbyterial Home Missions,	$3,902.00
2.—13	"	"	Assembly's " "	263.00
3.—68	"	"	Foreign Missions,	5,619.00
4.—33	"	"	Publication and Colportage,	210.00
5.—52	"	"	Education for Ministry,	1,379.00
6.—31	"	"	Invalid Fund,	207.00
7.—53	"	"	Colored Evangelization,	357.00
8.—23	"	"	Bible Cause,	101.00
9.—37	"	"	Miscellaneous,	2,961.00
			Total,	$14,999.00

Being $6,105.00 less than was raised the year before. 75 churches reported, and 3 of them contributed to all the objects conducted by the Church, and 72 to one or more of them.

8 churches made no report, viz.: Swannanoa, Red Oak, Sandy Plains, Drusilla, Goshen, Altan, Midway and Hiwassee.

By order of Presbytery:

ATTEST:

R. Z. JOHNSTON,

Stated Clerk.

At Charlotte, N. C., 2nd Church, on 12th day of April, 1895.

VI.—ALBEMARLE PRESBYTERY.

To the Synod of North Carolina:

The Presbytery of Albemarle respectfully submits the following report on Systematic Beneficence for the year ending March 31, 1895:

1.—19	churches	contributed to	Presbyterial Home Missions,	$ 616.00
2.—18	"	"	Synodical " "	619.00
3.—13	"	"	Assembly's " "	206.00
4.—16	"	"	Foreign Missions,	1,222.00
5.—10	"	"	Publication and Colportage,	112.00
6.—13	"	"	Education for Ministry,	232.00
7.— 3	"	"	Church and Christian Education,	9.00
8.—12	"	"	Invalid Fund,	123.00
9.—13	"	"	Colored Evangelization	96.00
10.— 6	"	"	Bible Cause,	48.00
11.— 5	"	"	Church Erection,	169.00
12.—10	"	"	Synodical Orphans' Home,	268.00
13.— 8	"	"	Miscellaneous,	1,960.00
			Total,	$5,680.00

Being $274 more than was raised the year before. 21 churches reported, and 3 of them contributed to all the objects conducted by the Church, and 18 to one or more of them.

9 churches made no report, viz.: Aurora, Dover, Kinston, La Grange, Littleton, Mackey's Ferry, Strickland, Louisburg and Olivet.

By order of Presbytery:

ATTEST:

F. H. JOHNSTON,
Stated Clerk.

At New Berne Church, on 12th day of April, 1895.

C.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SYNODICAL MISSIONS.

To the Synod of North Carolina:

Your Committee in presenting this, the Seventh Annual Report of the work intrusted to its care by the Synod of North Carolina, would again record its gratitude to God for his manifest blessing upon the work.

The great financial embarrassments which have been upon all our business enterprises and interests for the past two or three years have been keenly felt this year also and have forced many of our best and most substantial members as well as all others, to practice the strictest economy in their business and social relations; but it is gratifying to know that while it has had its effect upon the contributions to sacred purposes, it is evident that this economy has only been practiced here, (with perhaps a few exceptions), where it was impossible to do otherwise.

What work has been done and what moneys have been raised for Home Missions in our Synod in the past should be no criterion as to our duty to the present, but it may not be amiss to state that notwithstanding the great financial depression, the contributions to this cause of Synodical Missions have fallen off this year only about $300, while other causes have suffered a much greater loss and there would doubtless have been a gain had not the seemingly imperative claims upon our Superintendent to do a larger amount of purely mission work in fields where no money could be raised prevented him from presenting the cause to some of our stronger churches that were able to contribute more liberally.

Still it is evident that after all explanations there has not been that interest in the work and hearty response to the appeals for funds that the importance of the work and the blessings that have crowned it should call forth and without which it is impossible to carry it on. The Committee therefore lays before the Synod a brief synopsis of its work, imperfect because brief, and because much of the good done and upon which much labor was expended, cannot be tabulated or reduced to figures.

Report of Committee on Synodical Missions.

SYNODICAL WORK.

THE SUPERINTENDENT.

Our Superintendent, Rev. Wm. Black, has given his entire time to the work. Besides discharging the duties of Superintendent, receiving and disbursing all its funds, he has labored as an evangelist, holding 24 meetings, preaching at 9 other points; conducting scores of prayer meetings and moderating many Sessional meetings; added to the membership 282 and raised more than $2,000 for Synodical Missions and assisted in raising nearly as much for pastors' salaries and for paying off church debts.

REV. C. W. ROBINSON.

Rev. C. W. Robinson, evangelist in Surry, Yadkin and Wilkes counties. He has seven regular appointments, besides preaching occasionally at other points. The organized churches are Wilkesboro and North Wilkesboro, in Wilkes, and Elkin, in Surry. Preaches regularly at Grassy Creek, in Surry, Jonesville, in Yadkin, and Ronda, in Wilkes, besides the churches named; at the last of which places, a flourishing village on the railroad, in the rich Yadkin Valley, he has a school and a good prospect of a church organization.

He has conducted 179 services; attended 45 others held for him; added to membership, 17; organized 2 Sunday schools; 1 young men's prayermeeting; 2 ladies' societies and 1 children's society; and collected for Home Missions, $319.44. He is much encouraged by the outlook, but needs another helper.

REV. D. J. CURRIE.

Rev. D. J. Currie is pastor at Chapel Hill and New Hope churches and is partly supported by the Synodical Mission fund. Reports 22 additions to membership; baptized 3; raised $488.38 and has two good Sunday schools. The attendance on the part of the University young men is good and the prospect both at Chapel Hill and New Hope is encouraging.

REV. R. P. PELL.

Rev. R P Pell, evangelist in Mitchell and Watauga counties, supplied this field up to the 15th of January, 1895, at which time he resigned and left to take

charge of the pastorate at Newberry, S. C. Between the meeting of last Synod and his departure he regularly supplied the churches of both counties, managing our mission schools, conducting prayermeetings, &c., and added to the membership, 4.

After he left candidates L. E. Bostian and Edgar Tufts and Licentiate E. D. Brown regularly supplied the field.

The Superintendent also visited the field in August, holding a meeting of several days each at Elk Park, in Mitchell county, and Banner Elk, in Watauga county, in both of which meetings he was materially assisted, not only by the young men named above, but by candidate A. K. Pool, a theological student, who not only here, but at other places, rendered most valuable aid in singing and speaking the Gospel.

It is also proper to say just here that Rev. C. A. Munroe and perhaps other ministers near the field, rendered efficient service in these fields, without any remuneration.

The young men whose names appear here are all Seminary students and have returned to the Seminaries. While they were engaged in this work two churches were built, regular preaching kept up at all the churches and the people much strengthened and subscriptions made to the support of their own work, which will materially aid this year. There were 15 additions to membership. Three flourishing day schools are kept up and another will be begun this year.

REV. JONAS BARCLAY.

Rev. Jonas Barclay, evangelist in the Gaston county field, took charge of the work in the spring; then Mount Holly and Stanley churches were both weak and had never had a pastor. The membership of both churches has been greatly increased and the churches so strengthened that, by a regrouping, Synod is entirely relieved of all the support given to this field. This evangelist has also labored in other fields and now reports for six months 83 additions to membership.

REV. BART. SOULIER.

Rev. Bart. Soulier, pastor of the Waldensian colony at Valdese, Burke county, has been received into the Presbytery of Concord and his church (with

80 communicants and 220 souls in all) enrolled and these grand and historic people are now a part of our Synod. No doubt the hills of Burke, like the hills and valleys of the Piedmont, are made to echo and re-echo with the sound of the glorious Gospel of Christ from the lips of the descendants of those who kept alive this Gospel fire during the persecutions that blackened the "Dark Ages" of the past. The Synod has undertaken the support of this work until the colony is fully organized.

BRUNSWICK COUNTY.

Rev. L. W. Curtis was employed in this field for four months of the year. During the rest of the year Wilmington Presbytery made arrangements for its supply. There were 17 additions to the membership and the Church refreshed by a gracious revival. He was assisted in a protracted meeting by Rev. Jonas Barclay. Mr. Curtis has now gone as a missionary to Siam.

ALBEMARLE PRESBYTERY.

In this Presbytery the Synod aids the whole mission work instead of selecting special fields, so that 9 evangelists preach the glad tidings here to thousands of souls in 15 counties. They have added to the membership, 60; churches built, 2; churches completed, 2; churches organized, 2; Sunday schools organized, 7; money raised for church erection, $1,700. They supply 19 churches and many mission stations.

From the foregoing we have, as part of the Synod's mission work during the year just closed:

Money raised	$4,382.26
Churches built	7
Churches organized	2
Churches completed	5
Sunday schools organized	12
Day schools organized	3
Evangelists aided	19
Counties embraced in work	26
Added to membership	483

Report of Committee on Synodical Missions.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Synodical receipts		$4,382.26
Paid evangelists	$4,171 11	
Paid expenses	96.62	
Balance on hand	114.53	
Total		$4,382.26
Balance due on evangelists' salaries		$928.26

This debt will be reduced by the money on hand as above, which was received too late to be included in the account, but it still leaves a debt of some $800. Does not the great work done deserve a full and complete support? Unquestionably, yes. Let us see that it is fully supported as we enter upon our new Synodical year.

PRESBYTERIAL MISSIONS.

Besides the work directly under our care, it is made our duty to report on the work done by the Presbyteries in their own bounds. In reviewing the work, it is gratifying to note progress in many directions, though a falling off in receipts.

FAYETTEVILLE PRESBYTERY.

Fayetteville Presbytery has employed Rev. Wm. M. Eldridge as evangelist for all his time for ten months before October 15th, 1895, and as a result of his labors 240 members were added to the churches. There have been some 256 additions to the Church through its evangelistic work; 2 new churches organized; 2 new churches built; one new field opened; 3 men were aided; raised for Presbyterial missions, $1,525.

MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY.

Mecklenburg Presbytery has raised $2,569.15 for Presbyterial Missions, besides $1,430 for local missions under care of churches. Is aiding 10 evangelists, who preach in 13 counties. There were 153 additions to churches; 4 churches organized.

Report of Committee on Synodical Missions.

CONCORD PRESBYTERY.

Concord Presbytery has aided 11 men during the year and supplied 17 churches; raised for Presbyterial Missions, $1,700. Additions to the Church, 132; churches erected, 2. There are 3 day schools, with some 250 pupils, supported by this Presbytery, and it is to it that our beloved brethren, the Waldenses, have been added.

WILMINGTON PRESBYTERY.

This Presbytery has raised for Presbyterial Home Missions, $801.16; for local missions, $900; 40 additions to membership; 3 new churches completed; 1 church organized; 3 Sunday schools organized; 2 evangelists aided by this fund.

ORANGE PRESBYTERY.

In this Presbytery 7 evangelists are supported, in whole or in part, by the Presbyterial Home Mission fund, which this year is $4,028.05; local missions, $1,300; 169 additions to the Church; Sunday schools organized, 1.

ALBEMARLE PRESBYTERY.

Albemarle Presbytery, as mentioned above, is aided, as a whole, by the Synodical fund. To the work within its borders, as above described, it contributed $1,700.

Report of Committee on Synodical Missions.

GENERAL SUMMARY.

The following table shows the moneys raised by Presbyteries for Home Missions and the work done by the Synod and its Presbyteries:

Presbyteries.	Local Missions.	Presbyterial Mis'ns.	Synodical Missions.	General Assembly Missions.	Totals.
Orange	$ 1,300.00	$ 4,028 05	$ 1,121.56	$304 00	$ 6,753.61
Concord		1,000.00	533.96	206.00	1,739.96
Fayetteville		1,525.00	733.85	252.00	2,500.85
Mecklenburg	1,450.00	2,569.15	535.55	263 00	4,817.70
Wilmington	900.00	801.16	459.65	235 00	2,395.81
Albemarle		1,700 00	713.16	369.00	2,782.16
Waldensian Fund			284.53		284.53
Total.	$ 3,650.00	$11,623.36	$ 4,382 26	$ 1,629 00	$21,284.62
Addition to Churches		810	483		*
Men aided		42	18		47†
Churches organized		8	2		10
Churches built		8	7		15
Sunday Schools organized		3	12		15

*Total cannot be given, as often the same are included in both reports.
†Omitting Duplicates.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. Synod, recognizing its obligation to cultivate the waste places within its bounds that cannot be undertaken by the Presbyteries, re affirms its purpose to prosecute vigorously the work already begun, and to open new fields as rapidly as men and means allow.

2. To that end the Synod undertakes to raise, through the June and September collections, the sum of $5,000, and apportions this sum among the Presbyteries as follows:

Mecklenburg	$950.00
Fayetteville	950 00
Wilmington	750.00
Orange	950.00
Concord	900.00
Albemarle	500.00

3. In view of the fact that there is a deficit of $800, and that there is an immediate need of money, not only to pay the debt, but to carry on the work until June, Synod urges its pastors and churches to co-operate with the Superintend-

ent in raising special contributions, and now calls for immediate pledges for this work.

4. Synod expresses its gratification at the zeal of all the Presbyteries in prosecuting their own work, and especially commends the action of Orange and Mecklenburg Presbyteries in taking up work in their bounds that had been opened by Synod.

5. Synod commends the work of the General Assembly to its Presbyteries and churches, and recommends that $3,000 be raised for this work, to be apportioned among its Presbyteries as follows:

Orange	$500.00
Wilmington	400.00
Concord	500.00
Mecklenburg	700.00
Fayetteville	700.00
Albemarle	200.00

6. Synod commends to the Sunday Schools the recommendation of the Assembly to give the collections of the fifth Sundays to the support of the Indian Schools.

WM. BLACK,
Superintendent.

REPORT OF SYNOD'S AGENT OF PUBLICATION AND COLPORTAGE.

To the Synod of North Carolina:

As your Agent of Colportage I submit this report:

We have again to express our sympathy with our Synodical Colporteur, who has been laid aside by serious illness during the entire year. He has been making monthly reports to your Agent, hoping each month to the last to take up the work. We regret this loss to our work as a report of past years shows the faithfulness and efficiency of Brother Towles. As a consequence of his sickness a freight bill for books remained unpaid and I authorized the Treasurer of my Presbytery to pay it out of funds in hand for this cause.

The work of Presbyteries has been more gratifying than usual. Bro. Siler, the Agent for Mecklenburg Presbytery, reports to me the gratifying intelligence that five young men have been at work for this cause in seven different counties during the summer with marked success and that this Presbytery returns to co-operate with the Executive Committee of the General Assembly. The reports of Albemarle Presbytery show the return to full co-operation. Thus all our Presbyteries are again in line and co operation.

The Presbytery of Wilmington has had no Colporteur but has received donations from our Committee at Richmond.

The Presbytery of Concord has had no distinct colportage work done during the year.

The Presbytery of Orange reports no special interest or work for this cause during the year.

The Presbytery of Fayetteville has had a young man employed from December 15th, 1894, to August 15th, 1895, and expects to continue his work next summer.

In all this we have to note the need of more men and means to prosecute this work.

Report of Agent of Publication and Colportage.

Our Statistical Reports show an increase in the number of our churches contributing and the amounts contributed. For the year ending April, 1894, 112 churches gave $768; in 1895, 155 churches gave $872, an increase of 53 churches and one hundred and four dollars. This is encouraging but far below what we might do in view of the great importance of this cause and the gratifying work of our Executive Committee as shown by its reports to the General Assembly. The fact that all the contributions of our churches go to the work of colportage and the great importance of placing our literature in our families surely demand our larger gifts and deeper interest and more earnest prayers.

Permit me to call especial attention to three agencies for good in which we are deeply interested:

1. The important publications of our General Assembly's Committee at Richmond, under the direction of our efficient Secretary, Dr. Hazen. The books, pamphlets and tracts are of a very high order and every effort, with all diligence, is earnestly made to keep our Sabbath school publications, as they are, among the best, at the smallest cost. Improvements are being made and will be made in proportion to the faithfulness of our churches in supporting the work.

2. *The Missionary*, *Children's Missionary* and *Prayer Calendar* issued with the authority of our Assembly through its Executive Committee of Foreign Missions. All these are of great value and are now offered on such terms that our people have no excuse to be without them. Your Agent wishes again to ask that our Colporteur be instructed to act as agent for these publications.

3. *The North Carolina Presbyterian*. This paper, with the sanction of Synod as necessary to its work, has again reverted to the ownership and management of Mr. McLaurin. We deeply regret the want of financial support which compelled the withdrawal of Dr. Rawlings from its editorial chair just as he was getting his work so well in hand and showing his ability to fill the place. It is very important that Synod express its sympathy and show its interest by devising some means for the enlarged circulation of the paper.

Synod has heard again with manifest interest the clear financial statement and proposed work of our efficient Secretary, Dr. Hazen. We see that we are about to lose the support of our Synodical Colporteur and much of the hoped for benefit of similar work in other Synods. We should deplore this and as ministers and elders should see that this cause is better supported in the future. In view of the great importance of this colportage work your Agent would recommend that Synod urge all Presbyteries, through Agents and Committees and in

Report of Agent of Publication and Colportage.

contributions, to see that more money is collected for this cause—at least $1,500—for the coming year and that the publications of our Executive Committee and specially those for our Sabbath schools be given the preference due them as our own, and as best and cheapest.

Your Agent would request all Presbyterial Agents and chairmen for this cause to remember the instructions at our last Synod to report their Presbyterial doings to Synod's Agent in time to make his report before Synod.

A. D. McCLURE,

Agent.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

To the Synod of North Carolina:

Your Committee respectfully submits the following report:

First, a comparative statement of the work of 1894 and 1895.

Presbyteries.	Schools.		Teachers.		Scholars.		Church.	Church Membership.	Conventions.
	'94.	'95.	'94.	'95.	'94.	'95.	'94.	'95.	
Albemarle	20	21	185	192	1,295	1.268	30	1,824	1
Concord	43	52	439	405	3,998	3,411	52	5,016	1
Fayetteville	57	77	462	459	3,918	4,066	77	7,382	Red Sp'gs.
Mecklenburg	58	66	540	610	4,829	5,387	84	8,279	None.
Orange	41	47	333	393	2,969	3,428	54	4,681	None.
Wilmington	27	32	227	206	1,390	1,601	43	3,110	2
	246	295	2,186	2,265	18,399	19,161	.....	30,292	.....

In Albemarle the work has made but little progress, only one new school established, and while there is an increase in the number of teachers the number of scholars has fallen off slightly.

Concord reports a falling off all along the line, except in the number of schools. There are 9 more reported, but a falling off of teachers 34; scholars, 587.

Fayetteville shows an increase of schools 20; scholars, 148. Mecklenburg also reports a growing work: new schools, 8; teachers, 70; scholars, 558. Orange—increase here also: schools, 6; scholars, 458. Wilmington: increase in schools, 5; decrease in teachers, 21; increase in scholars, 211. Total increase in schools, 49; teachers, 79; scholars, 762.

This is a work that needs pushing, and it should be the main aim of the Church in Home Missions. We would call attention to the number of church members as compared with the Sabbath schools: churches, 30,292; Sabbath schools, 19,161. This, in the Northern churches, is different: 339 churches; 295 schools—44 less schools. Mission schools added to this make many of our churches without schools, 13 counted in Albemarle.

Report of Committee on Sabbath Schools.

There is a feature of this work that we wish to call particular attention to: In Fayetteville Presbytery last year there were admitted on examination 541 members; 348 of these were from the Sabbath schools. In Albemarle, 94 on profession of faith, and 51 of these were from the Sabbath schools. This then shows the importance of this work.

We gladly note the increased interest in and holding of Sunday school conventions by our Presbyteries.

The Committee recommends that the Synod of North Carolina endorse the proposed policy of the appointment of a General Assembly's Secretary of Sunday schools.

W. F. THOM,
Chairman.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

To the Synod of North Carolina:

The Sixth Annual Report of the Permanent Committee on Foreign Missions is as follows:

It will afford no surprise to anyone when we respectfully announce that our Synod has taken a backward step in the matter of contributions to Foreign Missions. Last year we gave $22,282, while this year the total gifts from all sources have been only $18,856—a decrease of $3,426—with an average of only 62c. a member against 79c. last year.

That such a shortage was to be expected in this time of scarcity of money does not lessen the sincere regret that the cause so dear to the Christian heart has had to suffer so severely. This decrease, to be sure, represents only a few dollars less for each Christian giver, but has represented much hardship to the devoted missionary in the field and the enforced narrowing of our spheres of service in these days when the call is loudest and clearest to enter new fields and to enlarge the force already at work in the old ones. Oh! that God may arouse us to new activity and fuller consecration of ourselves and our means for the evangelization of the world.

But while it is true that the Church, as a whole, has given less generously, yet a closer study of the reports of the Presbyteries will show that many have, in their poverty, still abounded in their liberality. As a rule the falling off in gifts has been greater in the country than the town and city churches. There are, however, some notable exceptions to this, for we find that several country congregations have not only maintained their former high standard of generosity but have gone beyond it, while we observe that in two or three larger town congregations there is a decided loss.

AVERAGE GIFTS OF THE PRESBYTERIES.

Looking over the field by Presbyteries it is gratifying to record that Orange Presbytery has given more this year than last and stands as the banner Presbytery of the Synod, with an average gift of 74c. per member. Albemarle, a

Home Mission Presbytery, stands second in the list with its gift of 71c. per member. The third in order is Wilmington with an average of 69c. a member. Next follows Mecklenburg, with its great extent and superb record of Home Mission work, giving 68c. per member. Concord holds the fifth place, giving 55c. per member. Fayetteville is the last on the list, contributing at the rate of 48c. a member, and the fact that this hitherto banner Presbytery should have fallen behind her sisters is only an additional proof that the explanation of the decrease in contributions is to be looked for in the scarcity of money and not in the want of missionary spirit among our people.

Turning again to the reports, we can but feel encouraged in the fact that the number of churches contributing to Foreign Missions is greater than last year and than ever before in the history of the Synod.

Albemarle	has only	13	non-contributing churches out of		30
Concord	" "	15	" " "		51
Fayetteville	" "	9	" " "		75
Mecklenburg	" "	20	" " "		83
Orange	" "	14	" " "		54
Wilmington	" "	18	" " "		43
Synod	" "	93	" " "		336

This, at first sight, appears to be a large number of non-contributing congregations, but a careful investigation of the facts discovers that by far the greater number are feeble, struggling mission churches under the care of evangelists or else without any regular preaching service.

WORKING FORCE.

It is pleasant to turn from this phase of the work to another which is more encouraging and gratifying. We have fallen behind in our gifts of money but we have made splendid progress in the gifts of workers. Last year we reported only 7 active missionaries in the field, while this year there have already gone to the regions beyond 5 devoted servants of Christ. Three of these have been sent out from Wilmington Presbytery: Dr. Geo. Worth and wife to China, and Mrs. Curtis, *nee* Miss Johnson, to Siam. One from Fayetteville: Rev. Lacy Little, to China; and 1 from Mecklenburg: Miss Mary Torrence, who is to labor in Japan. Besides these, there are 2 or 3 ladies under the care of the Executive Committee and several of our candidates in the Seminary are looking to the mission work. One addition, that of Durham, has undertaken the support of

a missionary, making in all 13 churches and societies which support, in whole or in part, mission workers.

MISSIONARY LITERATURE.

Attention is called to the lower subscription price at which *The Missionary* is offered to our churches: If 15 per cent. of the membership subscribe for this excellent magazine it can be gotten in our congregations for 50c. a year. This is a most liberal offer and one which the officers of our churches are urged to explain and impress upon the people. Too much praise cannot be given the *Children's Missionary*. It already has a subscription list of more than 4,100 and is rapidly growing. This delightful little monthly ought to be in every family. It would give pleasure and inspiration to old as well as young.

THE ASSEMBLY'S TREASURY.

It is enough to say in regard to the needs of the work that the Assembly's Committee is calling urgently and prayerfully for $10,000 *at once* to meet the immediate needs of the missionaries.

RECOMMENDATION.

It is recommended that this report be adopted with the prayer that God may give this Synod a willing heart and a liberal spirit with which to obey more fully His commandment to go into all the world and preach the Gospel unto every creature.

Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED T. GRAHAM,

Chairman.

REPORT ON EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY.

To the Synod of North Carolina:

The Synod's Agent of Education for the Ministry would respectfully offer the following report:

The whole number of candidates under the care of the Presbyteries of this Synod is 76, an increase of 4 over last year. These candidates are distributed as follows: Albemarle, 5; Concord, 14; Fayetteville, 8; Mecklenburg, 23; Wilmington, 7; Orange, 19.

Of these 76 young men 12 are engaged in teaching and other secular occupations in order to secure the necessary means for the prosecution of their studies. One is employed temporarily in Home Mission work. All the others are prosecuting their studies in the various schools, colleges and seminaries of our Church. Last year 29 were aided by the Assembly's Committee in varying sums—3 in Albemarle, 6 in Concord, 4 in Fayetteville, 11 in Orange and 5 in Wilmington, and the total amount appropriated was $1,790. These 5 Presbyteries contributed to the Assembly treasury only $1,253.46—that is to say, $537 less than was paid to their own candidates.

Albemarle received $65 and contributed $115.68; Concord, $400, and contributed $193.53; Fayetteville, $245, and contributed $349.95; Orange, $705, and contributed $442.84; Wilmington, $375, and contributed $151.46. Five Presbyteries, $1,790, and contributed $1,253.46. Hence the Assembly's Secretary writes: "The great Synod of North Carolina sent us $537 less than was paid her own candidates."

An examination of the Assemoly's Minutes, however, discloses that the churches in Albemarle gave to Education, $508; Concord, $1,480; Fayetteville, $406; Orange, $1,382; Wilmington, $286; total, $1,062. Yet of this sum only $1,253.46 seems to have passed through the hands of the Assembly's Treasurer of Education.

Mecklenburg Presbytery does not co-operate with the Assembly's Committee. She aided her candidates (12 or 14 out of the 21 reported last year) to the amount of $1,379.

Your Agent would ask the Synod to note especially the following facts disclosed by our examination of the Minutes of the Assembly:

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1. The Synod of North Carolina reports a larger number of candidates than any other Synod in our Assembly.

2. The whole number of candidates reported to the Assembly for the year ending April 1st, 1895, is 425, which is 20 less than was reported in 1894, and 2 less than was reported in 1893. This significant fact should not be overlooked. This is the first time in many years that a decrease has been reported. The decrease is not very large, it is true, but is it the beginning of a retrograde movement? Has the exhortation of the Savior, "Pray ye the Lord of the harvest that He would send forth laborers into His harvest," been forgotten? Only a few years ago the number of candidates was barely equal to the number of deaths. A return of such a state of things would be humiliating if not disastrous.

3. Your Agent would also ask the Synod to note the adoption by the last Assembly of a "Manual for the use of Presbyteries in the Reception and Oversight of Candidates." (See pages 424—425.)

4. A recent reduction in the expense of the administration of the Assembly's cause is also worthy of notice. The salary of the Secretary has been reduced to $1,200, that of the Treasurer is only $100. Nothing is paid for office rent. No charge is made for exchange. Only the salaries mentioned, together with the necessary traveling expenses of the Secretary and a small amount for postage and printing will hereafter be charged to expense account.

Your Agent would recommend for adoption by the Synod the following:

1. The Synod expresses its sincere gratitude to God that so many of our young men are seeking the office of the Gospel ministry.

2. The Synod advises the adoption by the Presbyteries of the "Manual" proposed by the Assembly, not only that greater care may be exercised in the reception and oversight of our candidates, but that there may be *uniformity of action* in this matter on the part of the Presbyteries composing the Synod.

3. The Synod calls special attention to the change in the "day of prayer" for our youth in schools and colleges and seminaries, and urges all our churches to observe the first Sunday of November as recommended by the Assembly.

4. The Synod appropriately exhorts all her pastors and people to remember the Master's injunction. "Pray ye the Lord of the harvest that He would send forth laborers into His harvest."

JNO. M ROSE,

Agent.

REPORT ON CHURCH AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

To the Synod of North Carolina:

The Synod's Committee on Church and Christian Education beg leave to report:

It is gratifying to note that the interest manifested in this cause by the Synod and Presbyteries is bearing more and more fruit each year.

1. Davidson College is more prosperous than ever before in her history. Her very prosperity makes it necessary for the Church to devise more liberal things for her. Free tuition for sixty candidates and sons of ministers greatly reduces her revenues; and it is also necessary to compete with State institutions which more and more make the higher education a public charity.

2. Peace Institute for young ladies is better equipped and has a larger success than ever before and is doing a great work for the Church of Christ, thanks to the enterprise and devotion of the stockholders and the experienced Principal of the school. The Committee would suggest that the time is come when the Church ought to provide in connection with that institution such endowments as would enable her to compete with all rivals, and that too, with the same liberality with which the Church provides for the higher education of her sons. Is not the Synod prepared to emphasize female education in a practical way?

3. In Secondary Education much progress has been made during the past years. The older preparatory schools and academies, as a rule, were never more prosperous. A number of new schools have been founded and much local interest has been developed. The demand for consecrated Christian teachers has largely increased. The number of schools under Church control, actual or virtual, has increased so largely that it would be invidious to mention a few in this paper. Some of these schools are exclusively for boys and some are for both sexes. Some are supplemental to the public schools; and so far as we know, there is nowhere friction between the two.

4. Of Presbyterial schools it is proper to mention the Mebane High School which has achieved its initial success and promises a large reward to the enterprise of Orange Presbytery in its assured success. In female education the

Presbyteries are making progress. Fayetteville Presbytery has accepted a proposition to locate a female school at Red Springs in the immediate future. The Presbyteries of Concord and Mecklenburg are acting jointly to found a school for girls. It is their purpose to provide such solid and substantial education as is needed by the rank and file of our girls, and on terms within the reach of all.

5. The schools in our mission fields are reported as doing a great work for the Church. They certainly deserve and have won a title to our liberality. Their success and the success of local mission schools in some of our congregations ought certainly to encourage a larger use of the school in Church work.

6. It is worthy of note also that parochial schools are growing in favor and are now more ardently advocated than for many years past. It is the specific duty of this Committee to urge the establishment of such schools wherever the conditions are favorable, while they also urge the duty of the Church and of individual officers and members to make all education, as far as possible, the handmaid of religion and the Bible the basis of all.

7. It will be seen from the financial statement herewith submitted that the collection for this cause is not yet general and that only Concord and Orange Presbyteries reached and passed the apportionment made by the last Synod. There were good reasons for this, no doubt, in some quarters and we hope for better results another year. Sixty-eight churches contributed $810.04. Of this amount $294.74 went directly to the Mebane High School in Orange Presbytery. Also $212.98 to the mountain schools in Concord Presbytery, and $100 was given to Davidson College. This leaves $224.37, net, which has been disbursed by the Committee as follows: To the schools in Rev. C. Miller's field, $35; to the mission schools in mountain field of Concord Presbytery, $39.79; and to Davidson College, $149.58. No mention is here made of moneys specially raised for local enterprises.

8. Your Agent and Chairman sent the usual circular letter to the churches as authorized, and will do so again unless otherwise instructed.

9. We recommend the Synod to continue the same apportionment for this cause as last year, to-wit: Albemarle, $100; Concord, $300; Fayetteville, $300; Mecklenburg, $350; Orange, $250; Wilmington, $200; aggregate, $1,500.

10. We further recommend the Synod to emphasize the propriety and importance of establishing and fostering parochial schools in every church where the conditions are favorable, as well as in all mission fields, general or local.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The financial statement of Synod's Committee on Church and Christian Education, from October 16th, 1894, to October 22nd, 1895, is as follows:

RECEIPTS.

Albemarle Presbytery: Henderson church, $6.43; Oak Hill, $1.00; Raleigh, $8.90; New Berne, $7.00; total, $23.33.

Concord Presbytery: Statesville church, $10.28; Bethany, $1.00; Hickory, $4.02; Salisbury, $6.00; Rocky River, $3.19; Davidson College church, $43.00; total, $67.49.

Fayetteville Presbytery: Buffalo church, $1.25; Cameron, $2.50; Summerville, $1.10; Barbecue, .80; Maxton, $15.38; Big Rockfish, $1.04; Bluff, $2.50; Ellerbee Springs, $1.23; Ida Mills, $3.54; Jackson Springs, $3.40; Laurel Hill, $3.00; Laurinburg, $11.72; Lumber Bridge, $10.57; Macedonia, $2; Sandy Grove, $1.00; Shannon, $1.45; Smyrna, $2.50; St. Paul's, $2.61; total, $67.59.

Mecklenburg Presbytery: New Hope church, $3.10; Belmont, $1.75; Stevens, $1.07; Lowell, $4.70; Sugar Creek, $7.85; Monroe, $4.21; Pineville, $2.47; total, $25.15.

Orange Presbytery: (Balance collected 1894) Alamance church, $2.86; Mebane, $2.00; Reidsville, $3.25; total, $8.11.

Wilmington Presbytery: First church, Wilmington, $34.65, and Sunday school, $2.68; St. Andrew's church, $5; Cobb's Mills, .62; total, $42.95; grand total, $234.62.

Expenditures: For printing and postage, $10.25.

SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

Orange Presbytery: Collections from twenty-two churches and seven persons, appropriated by the Presbytery to the Mebane High School, $294.74.

Concord Presbytery: Collections for the mountain schools in the mission field from nine churches, $212.68; special to Davidson College, $100; grand total, $842.04

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. SHEARER,

Agent and Chairman.

REPORT ON COLORED EVANGELIZATION.

To the Synod of North Carolina:

This arm of Christian service is making some progress, for which we should thank God and take courage. While there has been a slight decrease in the amount reported as contributed to this work by the Synod, private donations for educational purposes add largely to the amount which our people have given to this cause within the past year. The true figures exceed the tables.

ALBEMARLE PRESBYTERY.

Albemarle Presbytery has a mission work at Washington, N. C. Upon the recommendation of Rev. A. L. Phillips, Rev. G. H. Williams, educator at Tuskaloosa Institute, has been invited to settle at Washington. He is encouraged and partially sustained by Rev. C. M. Payne, D. D., and the funds of this cause in the Washington church. This young minister has a Sunday school of some 30 or 40 members and 13 names for a church organization. If the way is open a committee, appointed by Albemarle Presbytery at its last session, is to meet in Washington in November, receive Mr. Williams and organize a colored church. The Washington church is liberally supporting the work. The Presbytery has contributed $106 to the cause.

CONCORD PRESBYTERY.

Concord Presbytery contributes to the cause of Colored Evangelization but does not report any work within its bounds. Amount contributed, $114.

FAYETTEVILLE PRESBYTERY.

Fayetteville Presbytery has no work of its own but is aiding an independent colored church within its bounds. It has contributed $128 to this cause.

MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY.

There is a hopeful work in this Presbytery. Bethany church, at Asheville, has an organization of some 20 members under the pastorate of Rev. J. S.

Morrow. There is a Sunday school of 75 members and a day school of 28 pupils. This Presbytery has recently authorized the erection of a church building for this congregation, at a cost of $500. The white congregation at Asheville has contributed $445 to this work; the colored, $25.

WILMINGTON PRESBYTERY.

This Presbytery reports an increase of churches contributing to this interest. The amount given last year is $115. One minister, Rev. Wm Jerkins, and a congregation at Beaufort is reported as having been transferred to the Presbytery of Cape Fear.

ORANGE PRESBYTERY.

This Presbytery has had one laborer, Mr. Albert Long, a student, engaged during the summer vacation. Also Rev. B. B. Palmer, preaching to a congregation near Milton, and Rev. S. G. Walker, who preaches to the churches at Danbury and North Wilkesboro. There are 4 Sabbath schools—Danbury, Smith's, Elkin and North Wilkesboro—which have 9 teachers and 70 scholars. The Presbytery has contributed $246 to the work.

At North Wilkesboro we have established an Educational and Industrial School for the colored people.

At its last meeting your venerable body wisely adopted an overture from the Presbytery of Orange inaugurating this enterprise. The Board of Trustees elected by this Synod organized and appointed Rev. S. G. Walker, at whose instance the work was undertaken, Superintendent and Financial Agent. He has met with success in the work, which has been begun under hopeful circumstances. A special report of the Board of Trustees will come before this body.

A site has been purchased, a building erected, a teacher secured and the school is now in operation under favorable auspices. One hundred dollars has been granted for this cause by the agency of the Colored Evangelization work at Tuskaloosa, Ala. Thus we have an opening for a great and useful institution in the interest of this large and growing element of our population. In His providence God has linked their lives with ours in a very close and permanent form. Their late history as slaves and their present condition of helplessness and distress appeal at once to our gratitude and our Christian magnanimity for prompt and material assistance.

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THE AFRICAN CHURCH.

Beyond these claims of our home population, is the appeal of 200,000,000 of perishing souls in Africa. The Head of the Church has highly honored our Southern Presbyterian Church in calling her as a pioneer in the great work of uplifting and evangelizing these souls. The cry of those ready to perish reached our ears, and far away in the Congo valley, on a tributary of this great river, at Luebo, we have begun our work. The spirit of missions impressed Samuel Lapsley and Tuskaloosa Institute furnished W. H. Sheppard. The work continues, though the Lord has been translating some of the workers. Now, after four years of prayer and sacrifice, through our efforts the Lord has planted an Afro-Presbyterian church of 35 native converts at Luebo. Thus in the seals God is placing upon our work; in the calls He is making upon us all to send out more laborers to strengthen this struggling mission; and in the honor He has placed upon our work at Tuskaloosa Institute, (without which it is safe to say the Congo Mission would not have been); by all these providences the Lord is calling us more courageously and faithfully to press this great work of Colored Evangelization.

Let us note the recommendation of our late Assembly to raise $15,000 for this work during the current year. Surely, with ordinary effort, we can raise our proportion of this sum, $2,406, as follows:

Albemarle	$148.00
Concord	400.00
Fayetteville	590.00
Mecklenburg	664.00
Wilmington	240.00
Orange	400.00

We recommend:

1. That each Presbytery be requested, at a stated meeting, to appoint a special hour for the consideration of this cause.

2. Let each pastor and congregation appoint a special season for the prayerful consideration of the spiritual necessities of our colored population and the evangelization of the African race both at home and abroad.

W. D. MORTON,

Chairman.

REPORT OF BOARD OF COLORED SCHOOLS.

To the Synod of North Carolina:

The Board of the Academic and Industrial Institute would respectfully report to Synod that during the past year we have made gratifying progress towards the permanent establishment of this important institution. We have secured a charter from the Legislature, have purchased and paid for 15 acres of eligible land within the corporation of North Wilkesboro, upon which has been erected a building suitable for school and church purposes. A school has already been organized and is now taught by a competent teacher with an excellent record and several years' experience in teaching.

The Superintendent, Rev. S. G. Walker, has been untiring in his labors for the Institute and has presented it to the favorable attention of the people within our own Synod and also the Synod of Virginia. Both he and the work have been most cordially endorsed by many of our most prominent men. With these endorsements, Mr. Walker has visited several of the largest cities of the North where he has presented the cause and has received invitations to return this autumn, when he expects to obtain funds with which to buy a farm of 300 acres upon which we have an option, and to erect necessary buildings.

We herewith submit the Superintendent's report:

"We congratulate the Synod upon the progress of the work. We now have a site and building estimated at $800 or $1,000 in value and a hopeful outlook for the future.

"We recommend:

"1. That Synod express its approval of the fidelity and diligence of Rev. S. G. Walker, Superintendent of this institution.

"2. That we commend to favorable consideration the work he represents, and express the hope that the Christian people of the Synod may give him all reasonable aid and encouragement in soliciting funds and material for the Industrial School and the service of its pupils.

"3. That Synod direct a special collection during the month of December to be taken up in all her churches, where practicable, without setting aside a

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contribution to the regular cause of Colored Evangelization, in the interest of North Wilkesboro Academie and Industrial Institute.

"4. That, inasmuch as the term of service of the third-class Directors of the Colored Industrial School expires at this time, the same brethren be re-elected, substituting Ruling Elder J. Finley for Prof. H. L. Smith, and also that in the second-class the name of Rev. W. D. Morton, D. D., be substituted for that of Mr. W. H. Sprunt."

L. B. TURNBULL,
Secretary.

REPORT ON BIBLE CAUSE.

To the Synod of North Carolina:

The Synod's Committee on the Bible Cause would report that the American Bible Society has suffered serious financial embarrassment, and a depleted treasury has necessitated a curtailment of its work. The total contributions reported in 1894, were $75,000, while for the year 1895 there have been only $59,000. And yet it is a noteworthy fact that in spite of all drawbacks the Society has greatly enlarged its work in foreign lands and still holds out its generous offer to supply the Sabbath schools with Bibles for all children who are destitute.

Concerning the work within the bounds of our Synod, your Committee would call attention to the falling off of the gifts of the people as shown by the printed minutes, the whole amount given during the past year by all our churches being only $443. It is with pleasure, however, that we are prepared to announce for the first time a complete endorsement and provision by all of our Presbyteries for the care of this work. Agents have been appointed where heretofore none existed. The cause is represented as follows: In the Presbytery of Albemarle, Rev. F. D. Thomas; Mecklenburg, Rev. Geo. A. Sparrow; Fayetteville, Rev. D. D. McBryde: Orange, Rev. S. O. Hall; Concord, Rev. W. C. Alexander; Wilmington, Rev. Geo. W. McMillan.

We would recommend:

1. That the Synod re-affirm its interest in this important work.

2. That our ministers be urged to make this cause more prominent and take up the annual collection in all our churches as far as practicable.

3. That hereafter the Synod's work for this cause be entrusted to a Committee consisting of all the Presbyterial Agents, with a chairman to be elected at this meeting.

With this report the present Committee begs leave to offer its resignation.

ROBT. E. CALDWELL,
Chairman.

REPORT OF REGENTS OF ORPHANS' HOME.

To the Synod of North Carolina:

The Regents of the Orphans' Home of the Synod of North Carolina, in presenting their Sixth Annual Report, are glad to be able to state that this favored institution has continued its work of usefulness for another year with an increased number of inmates, the addition of a number of conveniences and enlargement of the teaching force. Though the cash contributions to the Support Fund were very little larger than they were last year, our Superintendent has been able to clothe and support the children with comfort. The management of the institution has become more methodical and familiar, and our people have responded readily to all calls for help, so that we have not found it necessary to raise the cry of distress, nor been obliged to run into debt for its support. For all this we have reason to be devoutly grateful to the Father of the fatherless, and to acknowledge the liberality of the generous people in the Synod of North Carolina.

I.—MEETINGS.

Your Board of Regents have found it necessary to hold but three meetings during the year. These have been attended as follows: J. Rumple, three times; D. I. Craig, three times; J. H. Boyd, two times; H. G. Hill, two times; Geo. W. Watts, one time; Geo. E. Wilson, one time; W. R. McLelland, three times; M. W. Hill, two times; S. C. Rankin, two times; J. E. Oates, two times. At the first meeting the conduct of the institution was entrusted to an Executive Committee consisting of Geo. E. Wilson, Jno. E. Oates, W. R. McLelland, J. H. Boyd, with J. Rumple as chairman. This Committee has carefully and successfully superintended the work during the year.

II.—IMPROVEMENTS.

The Regents have been unable to make any extensive improvements during the past year. The Superintendent—mainly by home labor—has improved the grounds and buildings to some extent and brought the farm under more

thorough and profitable cultivation. The Infirmary has been partially furnished and the front rooms occupied by a number of girls, as dormitories. For satisfactory reasons the Regents did not think it advisable to press forward the erection of the Centre Building until more prosperous times should come. The Regents have perfected the plan of the Centre Building, presented at the last meeting of the Synod and the Superintendent will exhibit said plan to those who may wish to examine it, and they now propose to urge its erection, with assured hope of success. About $400 dollars are now in hand for that purpose and between $1,000 and $2,000 more are in sight. Public propositions have been made to erect it as a memorial building, by different persons and classes, and already these classes are beginning to arrange for their contributions. With the active and hearty co-operation of all our ministers, and in view of the improved state of financial affairs, it is hoped that we shall be able to begin operations at the opening of spring and to have it finished by the next meeting of Synod. With the Centre Building finished we shall have a comfortable dining room, kitchen, office, store room, chapel and school rooms sufficient to accommodate 200 children (thus providing, in these respects, for the future growth of our institution) and dormitories for about 24 girls, besides vacating several rooms in the present building which will provide for some two dozen more boys and girls. Until this building is erected no other extensive improvements are contemplated.

J. Rumple and R. W. Boyd were appointed to raise funds for the building by such methods as in their judgment might seem best.

III.—PRESENT CONDITION OF THE HOME.

Our efficient and acceptable Superintendent has furnished to the Regents a full and encouraging report of the Orphans' Home for the past year. From the report we learn that 77 children have enjoyed the benefits of the Home during the past year; 29 have been received and 11 dismissed. Of those dismissed, 2 attained to their majority (16 years), 3 secured homes, 5 returned to their friends and 1 received a scholarship in the Asheville Normal and Collegiate Institute. Sixty-six are now present and 3 are expected in a few days. The health of the children has been so remarkably good that only one visit of our physician was called for during the entire year.

The pressure for admittance to the Home has been such as to require the Superintendent to place 14 little girls in the front wards of the Infirmary. As there has been no sickness this arrangement was deemed allowable as a tempo-

rary expedient but is not to be thought of as a permanent arrangement, for no one can tell how soon some epidemic may visit the Home and require the use of the Infirmary for its intended purposes. The buildings are otherwise crowded to an extent that is very undesirable, perhaps barely pardonable.

The increase in the number of children has rendered necessary an increase in the teaching force, but this has been accomplished by the self-denying labors of the Matron, who has taken charge of the primary department. The school has been graded and the work improved. The children spend four hours daily in the school room, with two additional hours for study in the evening by the larger children—the smaller ones having one additional hour in the morning. The religious instruction of the children is carried on daily and their progress is satisfactory. The high moral tone of the institution has been maintained.

IV.—OUR FATHERLESS ONES.

The little paper, entitled *Our Fatherless Ones*, has continued making its bi-weekly visits and is read with interest by all who receive it. It has done faithful service for the Home, keeping the institution before the people and earning money for its support. About 1,900 copies of the paper are circulated throughout North Carolina and elsewhere. Your Board of Regents would suggest that our ministers and elders make renewed efforts to circulate this little messenger. It has been contemplated, as soon as practicable, to issue the paper once a week. This would require the purchase of a new press and additional labor and expense, but it would have the advantage of more frequent visits, besides entitling its editor to a free pass over the railroads of the State.

V.—THE FARM AND CROPS.

Your Orphans' Home owns about 92 acres of farming lands and woodland, including the site of the buildings, garden and orchards.

The farm has been productive and remunerative this year. The Superintendent reports production as follows: 200 bushels of oats; 80 bushels of Irish potatoes; 50 bushels of sweet potatoes; 17 loads of hay; 225 bushels of corn; 2,465 pounds of pork, the whole amounting to five hundred dollars' worth of provisions raised by the children. To this may be added the products of the poultry yard, the dairy, the orchard and other fruits, vegetables, melons, berries, etc. This shows that the institution is not merely the playground of merry children but the seminary of diligent study and the hive of thrifty industry.

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As the number of children increases and especially when there comes to be a larger number of boys between twelve and sixteen years of age, there will be a demand for increased acreage of the farm. The Regents will make this addition as the demand becomes urgent.

VI.—RESOURCES AND EXPENSES.

Your Superintendent reports that the estimated value of all the supplies received from churches, societies and individuals amounts to $1,102 45. A considerable portion of the supplies consists of clothing, bed-quilts, etc., that does not come into immediate use, but is stored for future service and is most gratefully received. Our Treasurer reports the entire resources coming through his hands at $4,372.00; add supplies received, $1,102 45; farm products, $500 00; total amount of resources, $5,974.45. But as much of the farm products was expended in maintaining its force of stock, and a considerable part of contributed supplies is not immediately available and a portion of the contributions was for the real estate fund, we may estimate resources at about $4,500.00, and so the average expenses of supporting, clothing and educating each child is less than $70 per annum. This estimate includes the salaries of the superintendent, teachers, matrons and laborers. Deducting the $1,662 paid for salaries, it will reduce the actual expense for feeding and clothing each child to about $45, or about the average reported last year.

The Treasurer's accounts and vouchers have been audited by a Committee, have been found correct, and have been approved. They show:

Total receipts, with balance from last year		$4,372.00
Total disbursements		4,099.24
Balance on hand		$ 272 76
Support Fund	$ .71	
Press Fund	81.56	
Real Estate Fund	191.91	
		$ 272.76

VII.—MEANS OF FUTURE SUPPORT.

The receipts for the support fund and balance from last year amounted to $3,804.07; last year they were $3 545.09; showing an increase over last year of only $258.98. Still, with the good yield of the farm and the liberal donations

of supplies, the institution has been conducted without incurring debt. But we can scarcely expect to do the same the coming year, as the number of children has been increased from 54 to 69. We are therefore constrained to remind our people that we shall need an increase in the size of the contributions, or an increase of contributing churches. We recommend that the Synod urge upon all our churches to make a liberal contribution to the support of the Home on Thanksgiving Day, or as soon thereafter as possible. We would further suggest that our Sunday schools and heads of families, instead of making expensive presents to the children privately, or by way of Christmas trees, reduce the expensiveness of home presents and give the surplus to the support of the fatherless children in the Home and that they encourage the children to remember the orphans upon that glad occasion. From the list in *Our Fatherless Ones* we learn that 39 churches, societies, Sunday schools and individuals have pledged themselves to make monthly contributions to this good cause. In the month of April 30 of these contributed $117.54, or an average of nearly $4. It is to some such regular contributors that we must look for a constant support and we respectfully urge our ministers to enlarge the number of such contributions. There is no reason why these contributors should not be increased to 50 or even 100. With two or three hundred dollars coming in thus every month, our Superintendent would be able to pursue his work of teaching and training without fear of want or debt. As our support fund has been largely aided the past year by liberal gifts of provisions and clothing from kind friends all over the State, we bespeak a continuance of the same, with enlargement in number of contributors

VIII.—LIST AND VALUE OF PROPERTY.

There has been some increase in the value of the property of the Orphans' Home, by reason of improvements in the farm, buildings and implements, but it may be reported as of nearly the same value as last year, viz.:

Ninety acres of land	$ 1,200.00
Cottages, furnished	11,000.00
Infirmary and furnishings	1,400.00
Outbuildings, cattle, etc.	2,400.00
Total	$16,000 00

This property is all in good repair, suitable for the purposes intended and unencumbered with debt.

IX.—NAMES AND TERMS OF REGENTS.

1. Mr. S. C. Rankin and Mr. Jno. E. Oates, terms expire 1899.
2. Rev. J. Rumple, D. D., and Rev. D. I. Craig, terms expire 1898.
3. Rev. J. H. Boyd, D. D., and Rev. H. G. Hill, D. D., terms expire 1897.
4. Geo. W. Watts and Geo. E. Wilson, terms expire 1896.
5. Rev. W. R. McLelland and Dr. M. W. Hill, terms expire 1895.

Dr. Boyd has removed from the Synod and the terms of Rev. W. R. McLelland and Dr. M. W. Hill expire at this time and these vacancies are to be filled at this meeting of Synod.

Grateful to God for all the good achieved by the Orphans' Home, for the liberality by which it has been supported, for the brightening prospects of enlarging the work, and trusting in God for wisdom to direct His servants for its future successful management, your Board of Regents respectfully submit the foregoing report.

By order of the Regents:

J. RUMPLE,

President.

Barium Springs, N. C., October 15th, 1895.

D.

STANDING RULES OF SYNOD.

Revised November, 1893.

I.—OF ENROLLMENT, ATTENDANCE AND ABSENCE.

1. The Stated Clerk, the pastor of the church in which the Synod holds its annual session, and the delegates of the session of said church shall constitute a Committee of Enrollment, who shall, at a convenient hour before the opening of the Synod, prepare the Roll of the Synod. And to the Committee of Enrollment shall each member report for enrollment upon appearing at Synod.

2. It shall be the duty of each member, unless released by a vote of the Synod, when providentially prevented from attending the Synod, to address a letter to the Moderator, stating reasons for his detention.

3. The Moderator shall at every meeting appoint a standing committee on Leave of Absence. To this committee all excuses for absence or late attendance, and for the latter, on the part of ruling elders as well as ministers, shall be rendered. The roll shall be called before final adjournment and those absent without permission shall be called to answer for such irregularity.

II.—OF THE OFFICERS AND APPOINTEES OF SYNOD.

4. A majority of all the votes given shall be necessary in the election of the officers of the Synod.

5. The Treasurer shall submit to the Synod annually his book together with a report of receipts and expenditures, presenting vouchers for the same.

6. The Trustees of Synod shall be elected every four years, and they shall present annually a full written report of the funds in their hands.

7. Agents shall be appointed on each of the following departments of the Church's work, viz: Foreign Missions, Sustentation, Education, Publication, Evangelistic Labor and Sabbath Schools. And it shall be the duty of these Agents to take into consideration the whole field committed to their supervision, and to present at each meeting of Synod a written report of all that is doing within the bounds of Synod on the subjects severally assigned to them. The

Agents for these respective subjects, or chairman of committees, in the several Presbyteries, shall forward to the Synodical Agents such reports as are needful in the preparation of their reports to the Synod; and the Synod shall appoint Orders of the Day for each of these causes at each annual meeting. In connection with the Orders for Evangelistic Labor, the Synod will hear reports from Presbyterial Agents and Evangelists; and in connection with the consideration of Foreign Missions, a collection may also be taken for this object.

III.—OF COMMITTEES.

8. A Standing Committee shall be appointed at each annual meeting, to whom the Statistical Reports of the Presbyteries shall be referred; and this committee shall condense the same and report to the Synod any matter contained in these reports calling for action by this body.

9. A Standing Committee shall be appointed at each annual meeting to whom the reports of the Presbyteries on Systematic Beneficence shall be referred; and this committee shall condense the same and report to the Synod, recommending any action called for on this subject. The Presbyterial Reports shall cover the fiscal year of the Assembly.

10. A Standing Committee shall be appointed at each annual meeting to examine the Synodical Records and report thereon.

IV.—OF THE STATED CLERK AND THE MINUTES.

11. The Stated Clerk shall forward to the Librarian of Union Theological Seminary and the Librarian of Davidson College, the Secretary of the Presbyterian Historical Society, and the Secretary of the North Carolina Historical Society, a copy of the Minutes of the Synod as published annually.

12. He shall issue and sign certificates whenever necessary for the return of members and their families on the railroads of the State to their homes.

13. The Stated Clerk shall publish in the Appendix to the printed Minutes the reports of the Presbyteries furnishing statistics to the Synod; the statistics of the annual reports of the Synodical Agents, when approved by the Synod, requesting on behalf of the Synod, the publication of the full reports in the *North Carolina Presbyterian;* a list of the officers and appointees of the Synod; the Standing Rules of the Synod and a Docket of the business of the Synod at its next annual meeting.

14. The Stated Clerk shall publish in the Appendix to the printed Minutes,

at least once in five years, the names of Ruling Elders and Deacons, with their respective postoffices, belonging to the churches composing the Synod; and the Stated Clerks of the Presbyteries shall forward to the Stated Clerk of the Synod the information necessary for the execution of this rule.

V.—MISCELLANEOUS.

15. The Parliamentary Rules adopted by the General Assembly for 1898, and since that time observed by them, shall be the rules for the guidance of this Synod.

16. The Directors of the Union Theological Seminary, appointed by this Synod, shall render excuse to the Synod for non-attendance on any meeting of the Board, and if so absent without assigning sufficient excuse, his seat in the Board will be declared vacant.

17. The election of Stated Clerk and Synodical Agents shall be held in 1886, and every three years thereafter—the former to enter upon his duties at the opening of the Synod immediately succeeding that at which he is elected, and the latter to enter upon their duties immediately after the adjournment of the Synod which elected them. (Minutes 1883, page 240.)

18. It was made a Standing Rule that the Roll be called at the opening of the Synod, that those who have been enrolled by the Committee of Enrollment may answer to their names. (Minutes 1885, page 612.)

19. The Committee on Leave of Absence was instructed not to grant leave of absence except for urgent reasons; and the Stated Clerk was directed to enter this action upon the Docket of the next Synod for information and caution to members of the committee and of the Synod. (Minutes of 1885, page 615.)

20. When a vacancy occurs by death, resignation or removal beyond our bounds, in any of the offices of Synod (including the Stated Clerk, Agents and Directors of Union Theological Seminary) the Moderator is empowered to fill such vacancy until the next meeting of Synod, except in the case of those officers who are the heads of Synodical Committees, when the committee shall fill the vacancy. (Minutes 1891, page 579.)

21. Memorials of deceased ministers be read on Friday morning at each meeting of the Synod.

22. *Resolved*, That the Standing Orders of Synod be revised as follows:

(1.) That the Synodical Communion be held immediately after the opening sermon.

Standing Rules.

(2.) That the election of officers be held at the beginning of the morning session following.

(3.) That the popular meeting in the interest of Foreign Missions be held Wednesday night.

(4.) That the popular meeting in the interest of Home Missions be held Thursday night.

(5.) That Friday night be given alternately to Sunday Schools and Colored Evangelization. (Minutes 1894, page 260.)

E.

GENERAL DIRECTORY.

Moderators of the Synod of North Carolina.

	Moderators.	Place of Meeting.
1813.	*Rev. Robert H. Chapman	Alamance Church.
1814.	*Rev. Samuel C. Caldwell	Thyatira Church.
1815.	*Rev. Wm. McPheeters	Fayetteville.
1816.	*Rev. John Robinson	Raleigh.
1817.	No meeting—no quorum present	Rocky River.
1818.	*Rev. Joseph Caldwell, D. D.	Fayetteville.
1819.	*Rev. Jonathan Otis Freeman, D. D.	Raleigh.
1820.	*Rev. Wm. Paisley	Poplar Tent.
1821.	*Rev. John M. Wilson	Salisbury.
1822.	*Rev. John Robinson	Hillsborough.
1823.	*Rev. John Witherspoon	Fayetteville.
1824.	*Rev. Colin McIver	Statesville.
1825.	*Rev. John B. Davis	Greensborough.
1826.	*Rev. Wm. McPheeters, D. D.	Fayetteville.
1827.	*Rev. R. H. Morrison, D. D.	Salisbury.
	[The Stated Clerk has no record of this and the two succeeding meetings.]	
1828.	*Rev. Lemuel D. Hatch	Raleigh.
1829.	*Rev. John Williamson	Fayetteville.
1830.	*Rev. Samuel L. Graham	Hopewell.
1831.	*Rev. Hiram P. Goodrich	Hillsborough.
1832.	*Rev. Samuel Williamson	Salisbury.
1833.	*Rev. Henry A. Rowland	Wilmington.
1834.	*Rev. James W. Douglas	Oxford.
1835.	*Rev. Henry N. Pharr	Salisbury.

*Deceased.

Moderators of Synod.

	Moderators	Place of Meeting.
1836.	*Rev. Joseph Brown	Fayetteville.
1837	*Rev. N. H. Harding	Shiloh.
1838.	*Rev. Stephen Frontis	Third Creek Church
1839.	*Rev. Daniel A. Penick	Lincolnton.
1840.	*Rev. Alexander Wilson, D. D	Danville, Va.
1841.	*Rev. William N. Peacock	Fayetteville.
1842.	*Rev. Walter S. Pharr	Poplar Tent.
1843.	*Rev. James Phillips	Raleigh.
1844.	*Rev Simeon Colton	Fayetteville.
1845.	*Rev. Samuel Williamson	Charlotte.
1846.	*Rev. Drury Lacy	Greensborough.
1847.	*Rev. Evander McNair	Fayetteville.
1848.	*Rev. Cyrus Johnston	Salisbury.
1849.	*Rev. John A. Gretter	Hillsboro.
1850.	*Rev. Adam Gilchrist	Centre
1851.	*Rev. Archibald Baker	Rocky River
1852.	*Rev. Wm. N. Mebane	Danville, Va.
1853.	*Rev. Hector McLean	Wilmington.
1854.	*Rev. A. L. Watts	Concord.
1955.	*Rev. Eli W. Caruthers, D. D	Greensborough
1856.	*Rev. Neill McKay, D. D	Fayetteville.
1857.	*Rev. Walter W. Pharr	Charlotte.
1858.	*Rev. Jacob Doll	New Berne.
1859.	*Rev F. K. Nash	Wilmington.
1860.	*Rev. R. H. Lafferty	Statesville.
1861.	*Rev. Edward Hines	Raleigh.
1862.	*Rev. John M. Sherwood	Goldsborough.
1863.	*Rev. R. N. Davis	Salisbury.
1864.	*Rev. A. G. Hughes	Greensborough.
1865.	Rev. Colin Shaw	Fayetteville.
1866.	*Rev. R. Hett Chapman, D. D	Charlotte.
1867.	Rev. Archibald Currie	New Berne
1868.	Rev D. D. McBryde	Wilmington
1869.	*Rev. Jesse Rankin	Morganton.

*Deceased.

	Moderators.	Place of Meeting.
1870.	*Rev. R. A. Stanford	Raleigh.
1871.	*Rev. J. P. McPherson	Fayetteville.
1872.	*Rev. Arnold W. Miller, D. D	Charlotte.
1873.	*Rev. James M. Sprunt	Wilmington.
1874.	Rev. J. Rumple, D. D	Concord.
1875.	Rev. P. H. Dalton	Greensborough.
1876.	*Rev. Martin McQueen	Fayetteville.
1877.	*Rev. John Douglas	Charlotte.
1878.	Rev. Joseph R. Wilson, D. D	Goldsborough.
1879.	*Rev. E. F. Rockwell, D. D	Statesville.
1880.	Rev. J. Henry Smith, D. D	Raleigh.
1881.	Rev. H. G. Hill, D. D	Salisbury.
1882.	Rev. L. McKinnon, D. D	Asheville.
1883.	Rev. F. H. Johnston, D. D	Wilmington.
1884.	*Rev. P. T. Penick	Winston.
1885.	*Rev. J. C. Alexander	Reidsville.
1886.	Rev. John W. Primrose, D. D	Concord.
1887.	Rev. R. Z. Johnston	Fayetteville.
1888.	*Hon. A. M. Scales	Goldsborough.
1889.	Rev. J. M. Wharey, D. D	Charlotte.
1890.	Rev. Alexander Sprunt	Wilmington.
1891.	Rev. W. E. McIlwain	Durham.
1892.	Rev. J. M. Rose, D. D	Statesville.
1893.	Rev. P. H. Hoge, D. D	Tarboro.
1894.	Rev. W. B Arrowood	Greensborough.
1895.	Rev. Eugene Daniel, D. D	Fayetteville.

UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.—MEMBERS OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS FROM SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA.

FIRST CLASS—TO SERVE FOUR YEARS.

To go out in 1899.

Rev. L. B. Turnbull, Rev. D. D McBryde.

Prof. W. J. Martin, Ruling Elder.

Officers and Appointees of Synod.

SECOND CLASS—TO SERVE THREE YEARS.

To go out in 1898.

Rev. J. Rumple, D. D., Rev. P. H. Hoge, D. D.,

Mr. Geo. W. Watts, Ruling Elder.

THIRD CLASS—TO SERVE TWO YEARS.

To go out in 1897.

Rev. F. H. Johnston, D. D., Rev. W. D. Morton, D. D.,

Mr. B. F. Hall, Ruling Elder.

FOURTH CLASS—TO SERVE ONE YEAR.

To go out in 1896.

Rev. J. Henry Smith, D. D., Rev. H. G. Hill, D. D.,

Dr. E. Nye Hutchison, Ruling Elder.

SYNODICAL COMMITTEES AND AGENTS.

Synodical Missions.....Rev. Wm. Black, Superintendent.

Foreign Missions.....Rev. A. T. Graham, Chairman.

Church and Christian Education.....Rev. J. B. Shearer, Agt. and Chm.

Education for Ministry.....Rev. L. B. Turnbull, Agent.

Colored Evangelization.....Rev. W. D. Morton, D. D., Chm.

Bible Cause.....Rev. R. E. Caldwell, Chairman.

Publication and Colportage.....Rev. A. D. McClure, Chairman.

Sabbath Schools.....Rev. C. G. Vardell, Chairman.

To go out in 1898.

TREASURER OF SYNOD.

Rev. J. Alston Ramsay.....Hickory, N. C.

Officers and Appointees of Synod.

TRUSTEES OF SYNOD—TO SERVE FOUR YEARS.

To go out in 1899.

Col. John E. Brown (Chairman)..... Charlotte.
Col. J. B. Rankin..... Charlotte.
Mr. J. S. Burroughs..... Charlotte.
Mr. R. M. Oates..... Charlotte.
Hon. A. C. Avery..... Morganton.
Mr. D. F. Cannon..... Concord.
Mr. E. B. Stimson..... Statesville.

STATED CLERKS OF PRESBYTERIES.

Orange—Rev. D. I. Craig..... Reidsville.
Concord—Rev. W. R. McLelland..... Statesville.
Fayetteville—Rev. P. R. Law..... Lumber Bridge
Wilmington—Rev. A. McFadyen..... Clarkton.
Mecklenburg—Rev. E. L. Siler..... Wadesboro.
Albemarle—Rev. F. H. Johnston, D. D..... Elizabeth City.

REGENTS OF ORPHANS' HOME.

FIRST CLASS—TO SERVE FIVE YEARS.

To go out in 1900.

Rev. W. R. McLelland. M. W. Hill, M. D.

SECOND CLASS—TO SERVE FOUR YEARS.

To go out in 1899.

Mr. S. C. Rankin. Mr. John E. Oates.

THIRD CLASS—TO SERVE THREE YEARS.

To go out in 1898.

Rev. J. Rumple, D. D. Rev. D. I. Craig.

FOURTH CLASS—TO SERVE TWO YEARS.

To go out in 1897.

Rev. C. G. Vardell. Rev. H. G. Hill, D. D.

FIFTH CLASS—TO SERVE ONE YEAR.

To go out in 1896.

Geo. W. Watts, Esq. Geo. E. Wilson, Esq.

REGENTS OF SOUTH ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY.

FIRST CLASS—TO SERVE THREE YEARS.

To go out in 1898.

Rev. R. F. Campbell, D. D.

SECOND CLASS—TO SERVE TWO YEARS.

To go out in 1897.

Judge T. B. Womack.

THIRD CLASS—TO SERVE ONE YEAR.

To go out in 1896.

Rev. J. B. Shearer, D. D.

DIRECTORS OF COLORED INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.

Rev. W. D. MORTON, D. D., Chairman.

FIRST CLASS—TO SERVE THREE YEARS.

To go out in 1898.

Rev. C. A. Munroe. Rev. J. M. Rose, D. D.

Rev. C. G. Vardell. Mr. J. Finley.

SECOND CLASS—TO SERVE TWO YEARS.

To go out in 1897.

Rev. L. B. Turnbull. Rev. E. W. Smith, D. D.

Mr. J. M. Rogers. Mr. Geo. W. Watts.

THIRD CLASS—TO SERVE ONE YEAR.

To go out in 1896.

Rev. R. F. Campbell, D. D. Rev. A. J. McKelway.

Rev. W. D. Morton, D. D. Mr. C. E. Graham.

PERMANENT COMMITTEES OF SYNOD.

Committee on Foreign Missions.

REV. A. T. GRAHAM, Chairman.

Orange Presbytery—Rev. R. E. Caldwell, Mr. Geo. W. Watts.
Concord—Rev. A. T. Graham, Prof. H. L. Smith.
Fayetteville—Rev. A. J. McKelway, Mr. J. C. McCaskill.
Wilmington—Rev. A. D. McClure, Mr. W. H. Sprunt.
Mecklenburg—Rev. J. W. Siler, Dr. Chas. Adams.
Albemarle—Rev. F. W. Farries, Mr. J. B. Sparrow.

Committee on Synodical Missions.

REV. WM. BLACK, Superintendent.

Orange Presbytery—Rev. M. McG. Shields, Mr. J. M. Rogers.
Concord—Rev. C. A. Munroe, Mr. J. G. Hall.
Fayetteville—Rev. H. G. Hill, D. D., Dr. J. W. McNeill.
Wilmington—Rev. P. H. Hoge, D. D., Mr. B. F. Hall.
Mecklenburg—Rev. R. A. Miller, Mr. C. E. Graham.
Albemarle—Rev. W. D. Morton, D. D., Mr. J. R. Young.

Committee on Church and Christian Education.

REV. J. B. SHEARER, D. D., Agent.

Orange Presbytery—Dr. W. P. Beall.
Concord—Rev. J. B. Shearer, D. D., Mr. G. P. Erwin.
Fayetteville—Rev. P. R. Law, Capt. S. C. Rankin.
Wilmington—Rev. A. McFadyen, Mr. W. H. Sprunt.
Mecklenburg—Rev. J. L. Williamson, Mr. George E. Wilson.
Albemarle—Rev. F. H. Johnston, D. D., Mr. W. S. Primrose.

Permanent Committees of Synod.

Committee on Bible Cause.

REV. R. E. CALDWELL, Chairman.

Albemarle Presbytery—

Concord—Rev. W. C. Alexander.

Fayetteville—Rev. D. D. McBryde.

Mecklenburg—Rev. Geo. A. Sparrow.

Orange—

Wilmington—Rev. Geo. W. McMillan.

Committee on Colored Evangelization.

REV. W. D. MORTON, D. D., Chairman.

Orange Presbytery—Rev. C. W. Robinson.

Concord—Rev. Wm. H. White.

Fayetteville—Rev. M. D. McNeill.

Wilmington—Rev. S. H. Isler.

Mecklenburg—Rev. R. F. Campbell, D. D., C. E. Graham, Esq.

Committee on Publication and Colportage.

REV. A. D. McCURE, Chairman.

Albemarle—Rev. E. Daniel, D. D.

Concord—Rev. J. A. Harris.

Fayetteville—Rev. S. M. Rankin.

Mecklenburg—Rev. R. J. McIlwain.

Orange—Rev. R. W. Culbertson.

Wilmington—Rev. K. McDonald.

ROLL OF MINISTERS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA SYNOD.

1895.

I.—Orange Presbytery.

	MINISTERS.	POST OFFICE.
1.	J. Henry Smith, D. D	Greensborough.
2.	C. N. Morrow	Hawthorne, Fla
3.	L. B. Turnbull	Durham.

	Ministers.	Post Office.
4.	D. I. Craig	Reidsville.
5.	J. McL. Seabrook	Greensborough.
6.	E. W. Smith, D. D	Greensborough.
7.	S. O. Hall	Greensborough.
8.	R. W. Culbertson	McLeansville.
9.	W. S. Campbell	Milton.
10.	C. W. Maxwell	Danville, Va.
11.	C. Miller	Danbury.
12.	J. M. Greenlee	Marion.
13.	M. McG. Shields	Burlington.
14.	W. R. Coppedge	
15.	S. G. Walker, (col'd)	North Wilkesboro.
16.	R. E. Caldwell	Winston.
17.	D. M. McIver	Lexington.
18.	C. W. Robinson	North Wilkesboro.
19.	H. S. Bradshaw	Hillsborough.
20	D. J. Currie	Chapel Hill.
21.	W. Lee Harrell	High Point.
22.	H. C. Kegley	Mebane.
23.	P. C. Morton	Roxborough.
24.	H. D. Lequeux	Greensborough.

II.—Concord Presbytery.

	Ministers.	Post Office
1.	B. L. Beall	Greensborough.
2.	P. H. Dalton	Mocksville.
3.	J. Rumple, D. D	Salisbury.
4.	Wm. W. Pharr, D. D	Mooresville.
5.	W. A. Wood, D. D	Statesville.
6.	J. B. Shearer, D. D	Davidson.
7.	L. McKinnon, D. D	Clinton.
8.	J. M. Wharey, D. D	Mooresville.
9.	John W. Davis, D. D	Soochow, China
10.	W. C. Alexander	Concord.
11.	J. A. Ramsay	Hickory.

Roll of Ministers. Fayetteville.

	Ministers.	Post Office.
12.	C. A. Munroe	Lenoir.
13.	W. R. McLelland	Statesville.
14.	M. A. Henderson	
15.	R. S. Arrowood	Elmwood.
16.	A. T. Graham	Davidson.
17.	J. A. Harris	Mill Bridge.
18.	W. M. Shaw	Mill Hill.
19.	E. E. Pressly	Fancy Hill.
20.	J. M. Rose, D. D	Morganton.
21.	W. H. White	Marion.
22.	J. C. Kennedy	Mt. Mourne.
23.	R. W. Boyd	Barium Springs.
24.	R. V. Lancaster	Harrisburg.
25.	B. Soulier	Valdese.

III.—Fayetteville Presbytery.

	Ministers.	Post Office.
1.	A. McMillan	Laurinburg.
2.	D. D. McBryde	Little River Academy.
3.	A. McQueen	Queensdale.
4.	H. G. Hill, D. D	Maxton.
5.	David Fairley	Manchester.
6.	A. N. Ferguson	Laurinburg.
7.	K. M. McIntyre	Endicott.
8.	J. S. Black	Athens.
9.	P. R. Law	Lumber Bridge.
10.	K. A. McLeod	Endicott
11.	J. W. Johnston	Aberdeen.
12.	A. Currie	Fredericksburg, Va.
13.	W. F. Thom	Ore Hill.
14.	M. N. McIver	Rockingham.
15.	W. B. Arrowood	Laurinburg.
16.	W. M. Eldridge	Carthage.
17.	D. W. Fox	Rockingham.
18.	A. J. McKelway	Fayetteville.

	Ministers.	Post Office.
19.	J. A. McMurray	Smithfield.
20.	S. M. Rankin	Red Springs.
21.	A. M. Hassell	Godwin.
22.	M. D. McNeill	
23.	G. L. Wolfe	Carthage.
24.	O. A. White	
25.	H. Craig	Plainville.

IV.—Wilmington Presbytery.

	Ministers.	Post Office.
1.	Colin Shaw	Magnolia.
2.	James Kelley	Clarkton.
3.	A. McFadyen	Clarkton.
4.	Geo. W. McMillan	Whiteville.
5.	K. McDonald	Magruder.
6.	A. D. McClure	Wilmington.
7.	Peyton H. Hoge, D. D	Wilmington.
8.	J. D. Stanford	Kenansville.
9.	J. J. Hines	Riverdale.
10.	Peter McIntyre	Faison's.
11.	T. H. Newkirk	Whiteville.
12.	Joseph Evans	Clinton.
13.	S. H. Isler	Goldsboro.
14.	J. M. Rawlings, D. D	Charlottesville, Va.
15.	Alex. McDonald	
16.	J. S. Wood	Richlands.

V.—Mecklenburg.

	Ministers.	Post Office.
1.	Wm. Graves	Mills River.
2.	J. A. Preston, D. D	Charlotte.
3.	R. Z. Johnston	Lincolnton.
4.	J. J. Kennedy	Sandifer.
5.	D. T. Towles	Crab Tree.

Roll of Ministers. Mecklenburg.

	Ministers.	Post Office.
6.	R. A. Miller	Lowell.
7.	E. A. Sample	Hendersonville.
8.	J. R. McAlpine	Pineville.
9.	J. L. Williamson	Charlotte.
10.	S. C. Boyce	Wolfsville.
11.	Roger Martin	Uneas.
12.	W. C. C. Foster	Sandifer.
13.	John W. Moore	Koochi, Japan.
14.	George A. Sparrow	Begonia.
15.	J. T. Wade	Franklin.
16.	H. M. Dixon	Monroe.
17.	W. J. Williams, (col'd)	Hendersonville.
18.	L. H. Baldwin	Edgefield, S. C.
19.	J. S. Morrow, (col'd)	Asheville.
20	J. M. Grier	Caldwell.
21.	Chalmers Moore	Bryson City.
22.	R. E. Lentz	Franklin.
23.	J. J. Harrell	Mint Hill.
24.	W. P. McCorkle	Shelby.
25.	S. W. Newell	Newell.
26.	Jesse W. Siler	Davenport.
27.	E. L. Siler	Wadesboro.
28.	William Black	Monroe.
29.	H. M. Parker	Inanda.
30.	G. A. Hough	Rutherfordton.
31.	R. F. Campbell, D. D.	Asheville.
32.	James Lapsley	Waynesville.
33.	R. P. Smith	Gastonia.
34.	R. C. Morrison	Matthews.
35.	M. C. Arrowood	Marshalville.
36.	Jonas Barclay	Mt. Holly.
37.	J. L. Wicker	Brevard.
38.	W. G. White	Charlotte.
39	J. B. Cochrane	Charlotte.
40.	A. A. Little	Shopton.
41.	R. J. McIlwain	King's Mountain.

Roll of Ministers. Albemarle.

VI.—Albemarle Presbytery.

	Ministers.	Post Office.
1.	W. D. Morton, D. D.	Henderson.
2.	F. H. Johnston, D. D.	Elizabeth City.
3.	C. M. Payne, D. D.	Washington.
4.	C. G. Vardell	New Berne.
5.	J. E. Thacker	Oxford.
6.	E. Daniel, D. D.	Raleigh.
7.	F. D. Thomas	Rocky Mount.
8.	F. W. Farries	Goldsboro.
9.	W. T. Walker, Jr.	Townsville.
10.	R. W. Hines	Parmele.
11.	L. A. McLaurin	
12.	J. B. Morton	Tarboro.
13.	C. N. Wharton	Warrenton.

F.

DAILY ORDER OF BUSINESS.

(From 22nd Rule of the Rules of Parliamentary Order, Approved by the Synod. See Standing Rule 15.)

1. Prayer.
2. Minutes read.
3. Presentation of Papers—
   (*a.*) Communications addressed to the body;
   (*b.*) Reports of Standing Committees;
   (*c.*) Reports of Select Committees;
   (*d.*) Resolutions.

[Each of which papers may, by unanimous consent, be taken up immediately on presentation; but if objection be made, it shall be docketed.]

4. The Unfinished Business in which the Court was engaged at the last preceding adjournment in preference to the Orders of the Day.

[But such Unfinished Business may, on motion, without debate, be laid on the table to proceed with the Special Order.]

5. The Order of the Day.
6. Regular Docket.

[Motions to elect officers, to appoint committees, and to enroll members, shall always be in order, unless a member is speaking or the Court is voting.]

NOTE.—If the Unfinished Business be laid on the table in order to proceed with the Order of the Day, when the order has been disposed of, such Unfinished Business has precedence of the Regular Docket.

G.

DOCKET.

Of the Eighty-third Annual Session of the Synod of North Carolina, to be held in the First Presbyterian Church, New Berne, N. C., on Tuesday, November 10th, 1896, at 7:30 o'clock P. M.

I. Prayer.
II. Report of Committee of Enrollment.
III. Moderator Chosen.
IV. Temporary Clerks Chosen.
V. Minutes of last Annual Meeting of Synod Read.
VI. Standing Committees Announced—
    1. Bills and Overtures.
    2. Judicial Committee.
    3. Address to the Churches on the State of Religion.
    4. Systematic Beneficence.
    5. Minutes of the General Assembly.
    6. Union Theological Seminary.
    7. Treasurer's Books.
    8. Report of the Trustees of Synod.
    9. Devotional Exercises.
    10. Statistical Report of the Presbyteries.
    11. Synodical Records.
    12. Leave of Absence.
VII. Committee to Review Records of Presbyteries Announced—
    1. Orange.
    2. Concord.
    3. Fayetteville.
    4. Wilmington.
    5. Mecklenburg.
    6. Albemarle.
VIII. Excuse for absence from last Meeting of Synod Referred.

Docket.

IX. Statistical Reports of the Presbyteries Referred—
1. Orange.
2. Concord.
3. Fayetteville.
4. Wilmington.
5. Mecklenburg.
6. Albemarle.

X. Narratives of the State of Religion Referred—
1. Orange.
2. Concord.
3. Fayetteville.
4. Wilmington.
5. Mecklenburg.
6. Albemarle.

XI. Reports of Presbyteries on Systematic Beneficence—
1. Orange.
2. Concord.
3. Fayetteville.
4. Wilmington.
5. Mecklenburg.
6. Albemarle.

XII. Report of the Directors of Union Theological Seminary Read and Referred.

XIII. Appointment of Directors of Union Theological Seminary Referred.

[NOTE.—The term of office of the Fourth Class expires at this meeting, viz: Rev. J. Henry Smith, D. D., Rev. H. G. Hill, D. D., and Ruling Elder E. Nye Hutchison.]

XIV. Synodical and Presbyterial Records Referred—
1. Orange.
2. Concord.
3. Fayetteville.
4. Wilmington.
5. Mecklenburg.
6. Albemarle.
7. The Synod.

XV. Report of the Trustees of Synod (Col. John E. Brown, Chairman,) Read and Referred.

Docket.

XVI. Report of the Treasurer of Synod Read and Referred.

XVII. Report of Board of Directors of Colored Industrial School—Rev. W. D. Morton, D. D., Chairman.

XVIII. Appointment of Orders of the Day.

XIX. Reports of Synodical Committees or Agents Read—

1. Synodical Missions—Rev. Wm. Black, Superintendent.
2. Foreign Missions—Rev. A. T. Graham, Chairman.
3. Church and Christian Education—Rev. J. B. Shearer, D. D., Agent.
4. Colored Evangelization—Rev. W. D. Morton D. D, Chairman.
5. Bible Cause—Rev. R. E. Caldwell, Chairman.
6. Education for the Ministry—Rev. L. B. Turnbull, Agent.
7. Publication and Colportage—Rev. A. D. McClure, Chairman.
8. Sabbath Schools—Rev. C. G. Vardell, Chairman.

XX. Report of Committee on Parochial Schools—Rev. J. B. Shearer, D. D., Chairman

XXI. Report of Committee on Peace Institute—Rev. E. Daniel, D. D., Chairman.

XXII. Report on Evangelistic Campaign—Rev. Jonas Barclay, Chairman.

XXIII. Report on *North Carolina Presbyterian*—Rev. E. Daniel, D. D., Chairman.

XXIV. Report of Regents of South Atlantic University.

XXV. Report of Synodical Historical Committee—Rev. J. A. Ramsay, Chairman.

XXVI. Report of Board of Regents of Orphans' Home—Rev. J. Rumple, D. D., President.

XXVII. Election of Superintendent of Synodical Missions.

XXVIII. Synodical Communion on Tuesday Evening, as Provided for by Rule 21.

XXIX. Place and Time of the next Meeting of the Synod.

XXX. How many Copies of the Minutes Shall be Published.

XXXI. Statistical Report to the General Assembly Adopted.

XXXII. Roll Called before Final Adjournment.

XXXIII. Minutes Read and Approved.

XXXIV. Adjournment with Singing, Prayer and the Apostolic Benediction.